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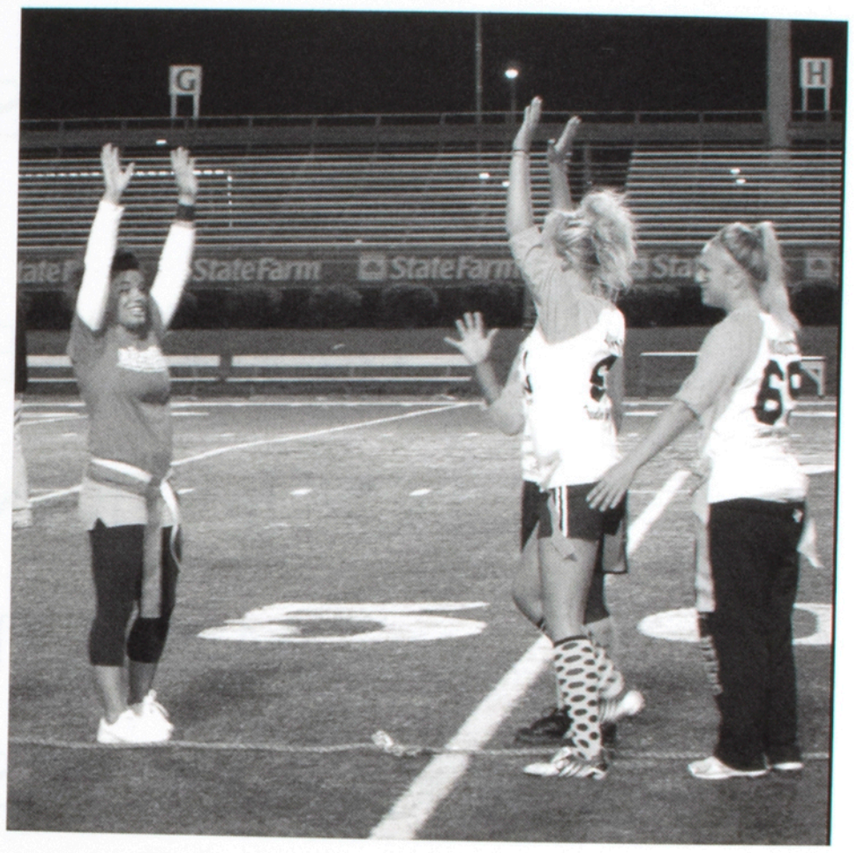
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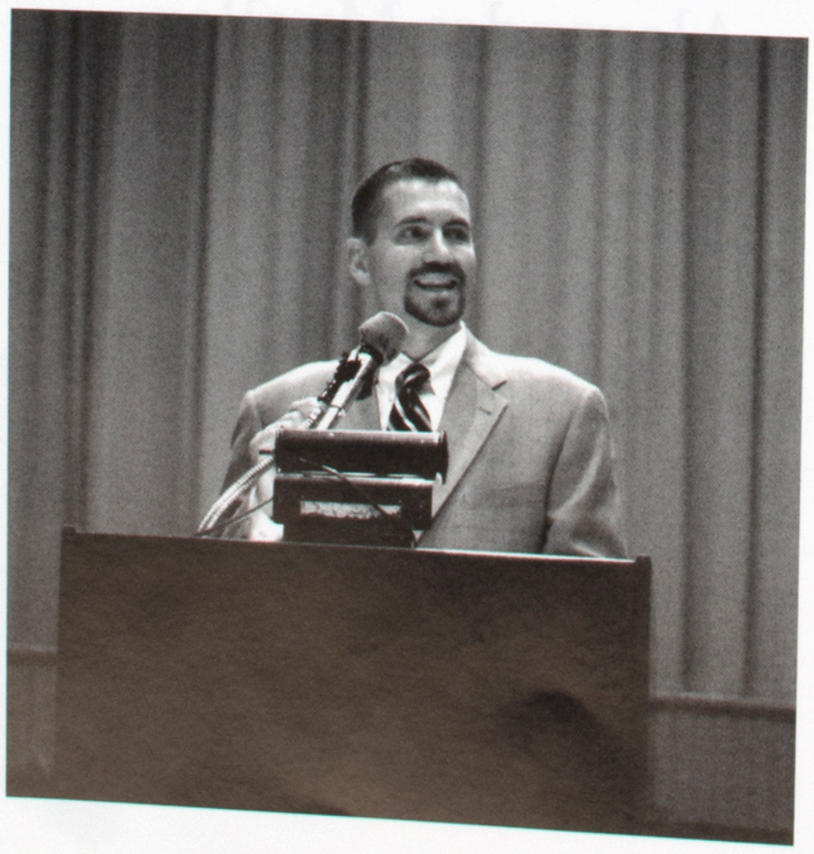


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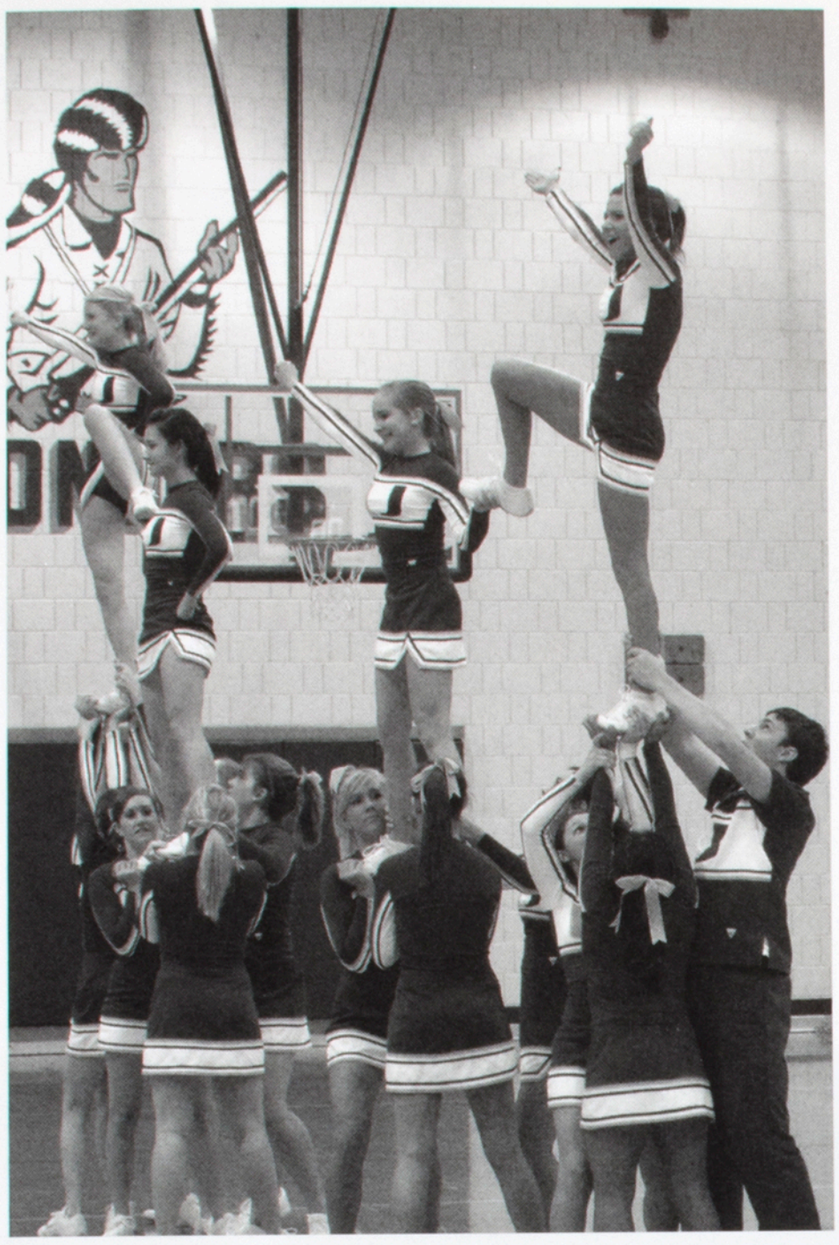
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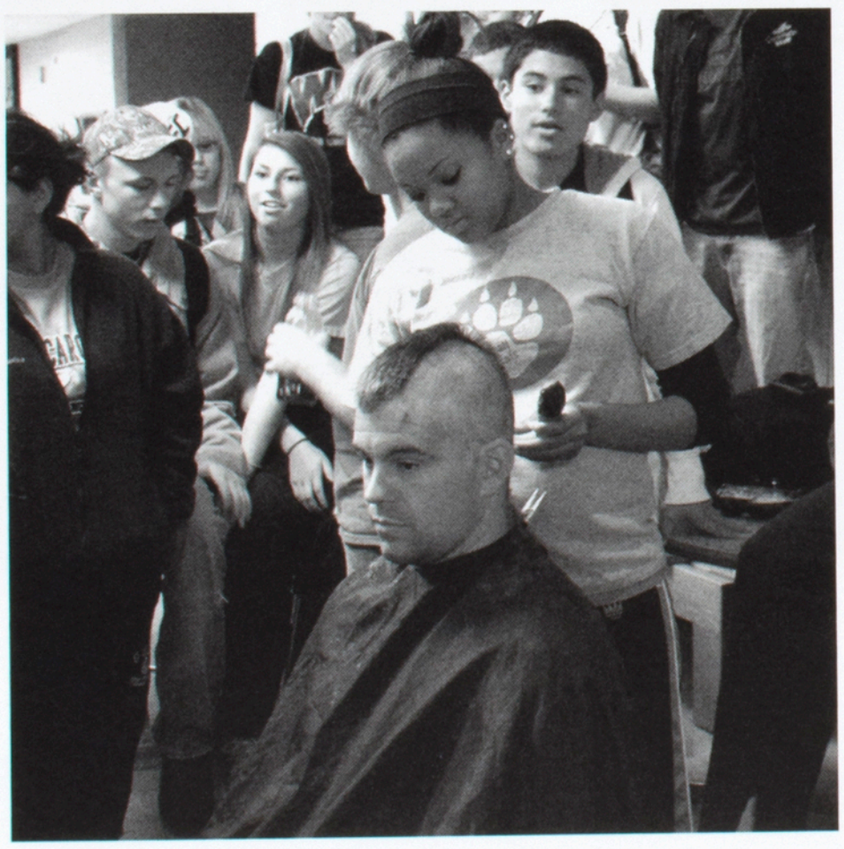














There is no better way to remember high school than to record it. You press record on the first day, stop on the last, and play to relive it all. This yearbook represents one of the years spent in high school, and although there may be parts of it you want to fast-forward through, the times you remember without having to record anything makes it all worth it.

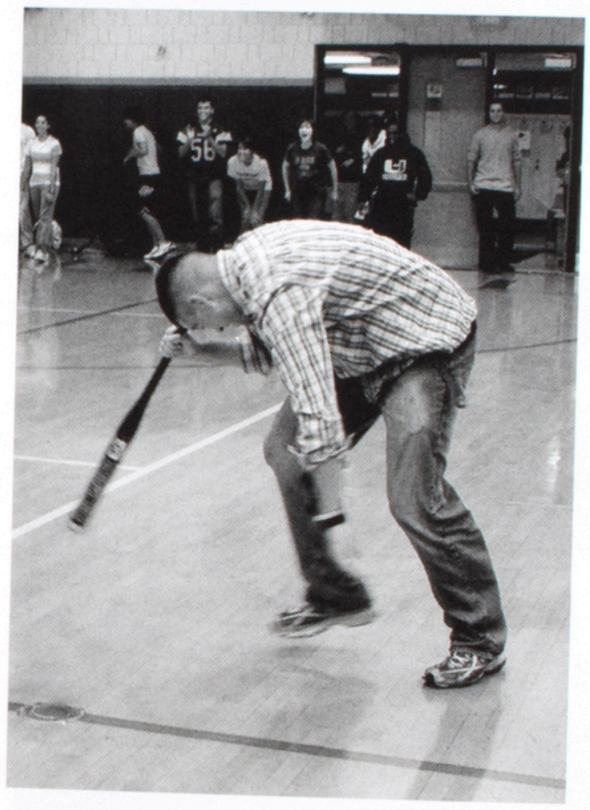
This year, change has been a major topic of discussion at both school-wide and national levels making the school year of 2008-2009 an especially important year to record. Changes in classes, teachers, rules, and government leaders are only a select few of the major transformations that have affected each and every student at U-High and the ability to press pause and reflect on these changes is one advantage that not everyone has.

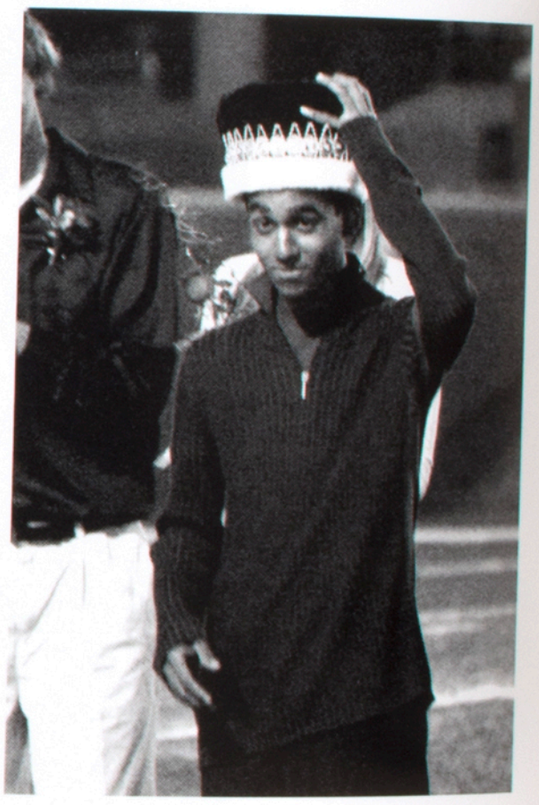
This book contains the voices and thoughts of your peers, snapshots of cherished memories, and most importantly, you. You are in the photographs and stories, you have walked the halls of U-High during this ever important school year, and you have been a part of the change that has taken place. This yearbook full of memories and recollections is for you, so press play and enjoy.

By Madeline André















REWIND

FALL



Left: Students line up to swipe their I.D. cards to enter the building.
Below: Junior Kathryn Biddle swipes her card for entrance.
Bottom: Student swipes card to enter the building.
All photos by:
Katie Zimmerman













SAFE AND SECURE

"The people that need to be here get in, and the people that don't need to be here, don't have access."
- Assistant Principal Steve Wilder

By Katie Zimmerman

With every new year comes new responsibilities and new opportunities. This year, principal Jeff Hill and assistant principal Steve Wilder envisioned a whole new take on safety for U-High.

"I was just trying to come up with a way to make the building more secure. There are a lot of schools that decided to lock all the doors in the building except for one. We were looking for a way that is a little more easily accessible, especially for ISU students," Wilder said.

As the 2008 school year got underway, a new security system was installed and tested by the students and faculty.

"The primary purpose of the system was to increase the security of the building which helps us to monitor the safety of everyone inside, not just students, but faculty, administration, parents, and everyone who may be in the building at the time," Wilder said.

The benefits were clear to Wilder as soon as the system was put into use.

"The security system gave me a lot more confidence about being able to monitor the security of the building. Prior to this, the building has been open all the time and it makes me feel better being able to know who's coming in the building. The people that need to be here get in, and the people that don't need to be here, don't have access," Wilder said.

Sophomore Brian Tanaka said he feels the same sense of confidence in the system.

"It makes me feel better knowing that at any given time the building is always locked securely for multiple reasons, such as people who have criminal intentions and are mentally distraught," Tanaka said.

Although the advantages of the security system were easily seen, there were some problems that were brought to Wilder's attention.

Sophomore Nick Paul said it's frustrating because last year he could just walk in and this year he has to get out his card and swipe it. Half the time the card doesn't work, so it's even more frustrating for him. Paul said all he could do was wait for someone to open the door from the inside or walk to the other side of the building so he could get buzzed in from the office.

Wilder said most people handle change okay but for others, it can be really difficult.

"We've recently had one of our readers broken and I'm guessing it's because a student got angry and was kicking it or hitting it so I imagine some students are experiencing some degree of frustration with the system," Wilder said.

Senior Robby Chambers had problems with the system from its unveiling.

"I don't like the way the security system affects my mornings because it clogs the doorways up at 8:00 when everyone is trying to get into school at once," Chambers said.

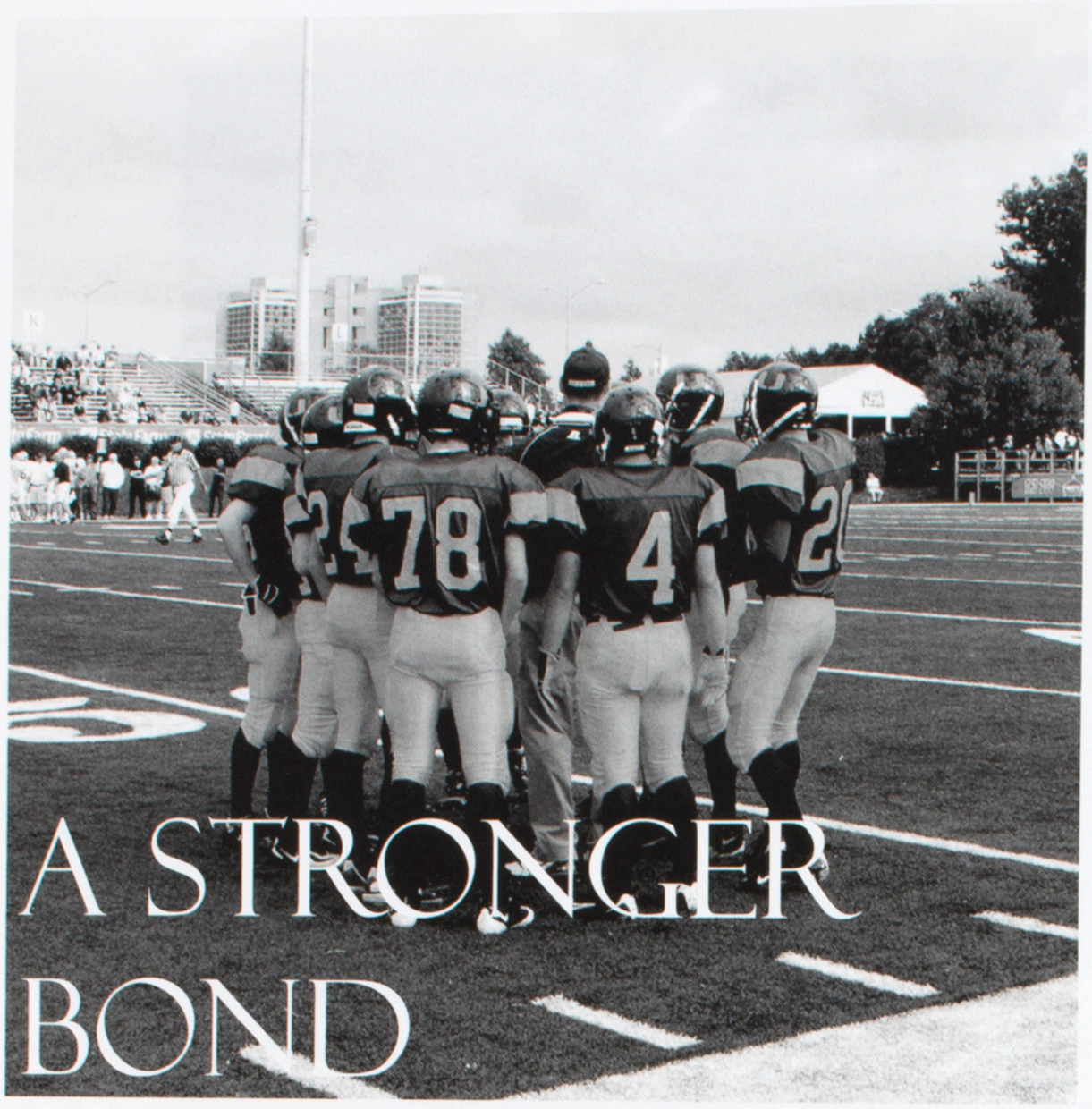
With just a swipe of a card, one is granted access into the building. It may seem simple, but Wilder explains otherwise.

"The actual set up for the system is pretty complicated which is why we have been working with it since last spring," Wilder said. "Electronic locks are at almost every entrance and those are connected to software that is used in the office and allows faculty to lock and unlock or secure and open different doors. It also allows faculty to identify who is supposed to be here and who's not so they can turn on access for students or even public groups that use our facility for whatever reason."









A STRONGER BOND

By Lindsay Schroeder

I scream, you scream, the U-High football team screams for ice-cream. Ice-cream sundaes are one of the benefits the football players get to look forward to with the new team-bonding system.

Football Coach Dusty Burk added his own twist to team bonding this year.

"I believe the closer you are with your teammates, the more it matters," Burk said.

Every Tuesday night after practice, all of the linemen go out to dinner for "spaghetti night" at Avanti's. What more could a man ask for besides football, spaghetti, and chilling with the guys?

It's important for the linemen to come together and be proud of who they are because they don't always get the most attention on the field.

"You can't be an individual on the line," Burk said. After dinner, Burk offers a study hall at school for the players who may need extra help with homework. The study hall isn't limited to the players who are struggling, some went to bond with their teammates.

"Most of us are pretty good friends already, but team bonding is a good opportunity to make us closer as a team," senior quarterback Jake Todino said.

"I would do almost anything for them. We're there for each other to celebrate after good plays and we pick each other up after not so good plays," Vince Kroll said.

Todino said he noticed how much the team chemistry built up from week to week.

"It adds more depth to our relationship with one another," he said. "For some people the only time you get to see them is on the field, so it's important to spend time with them when you aren't just focused on football."

Tuesday wasn't the only day of the week team bonding took place, every Thursday night the team gets together to experience a "mental walk through practice." Parents then provided ice-cream sundaes for the varsity players. Todino said the ice-cream was definitely something he looked forward to.

After the delicious sundaes were eaten, the football team cheers the girl's volleyball team on to victory. "If we are willing to support them, then hopefully they will come and support us too," Todino said.

If there wasn't a home volleyball game that night the team watched a movie. Burk said it was a good time for the boys to relax and not think about all the pressures that school and football create.

Sophomore guard Nick Ensenberger enjoyed team bonding because they got to joke around and have a good time. He said this is something they can't do on the field because they need to be focused.

Kroll said not only is football about having a good time, but it is also about learning how to rely on your teammates. "It's important to trust everyone and team bonding helps us do that," he said.

A team bonding tradition that Burk decided not to make any changes to was the game night dinner. Before every football game, the varsity football athletes ate a delicious dinner provided by parents.

Burk said all of this team bonding can make a big influence on our team's skills on the field.

"The more we can play as a team and trust our teammates the better. Teamwork wins championships," Burk said.

"Getting to hang out off the field makes us better on the field," senior running back Will Brucker said.

Team bonding has helped Ensenberger when it comes to getting to know fellow teammates such as the upperclassmen.

"They have really helped me get through my first year on varsity. If it wasn't for team bonding, I would not have experienced what it's like to have a second family," Ensenberger said. "They're my brothers."

After every team event, such as team bonding, practices, or games, Burk has the team break out at the end of practice by shouting "Family."

"Becoming a family is our motivation throughout the season," Brucker said.

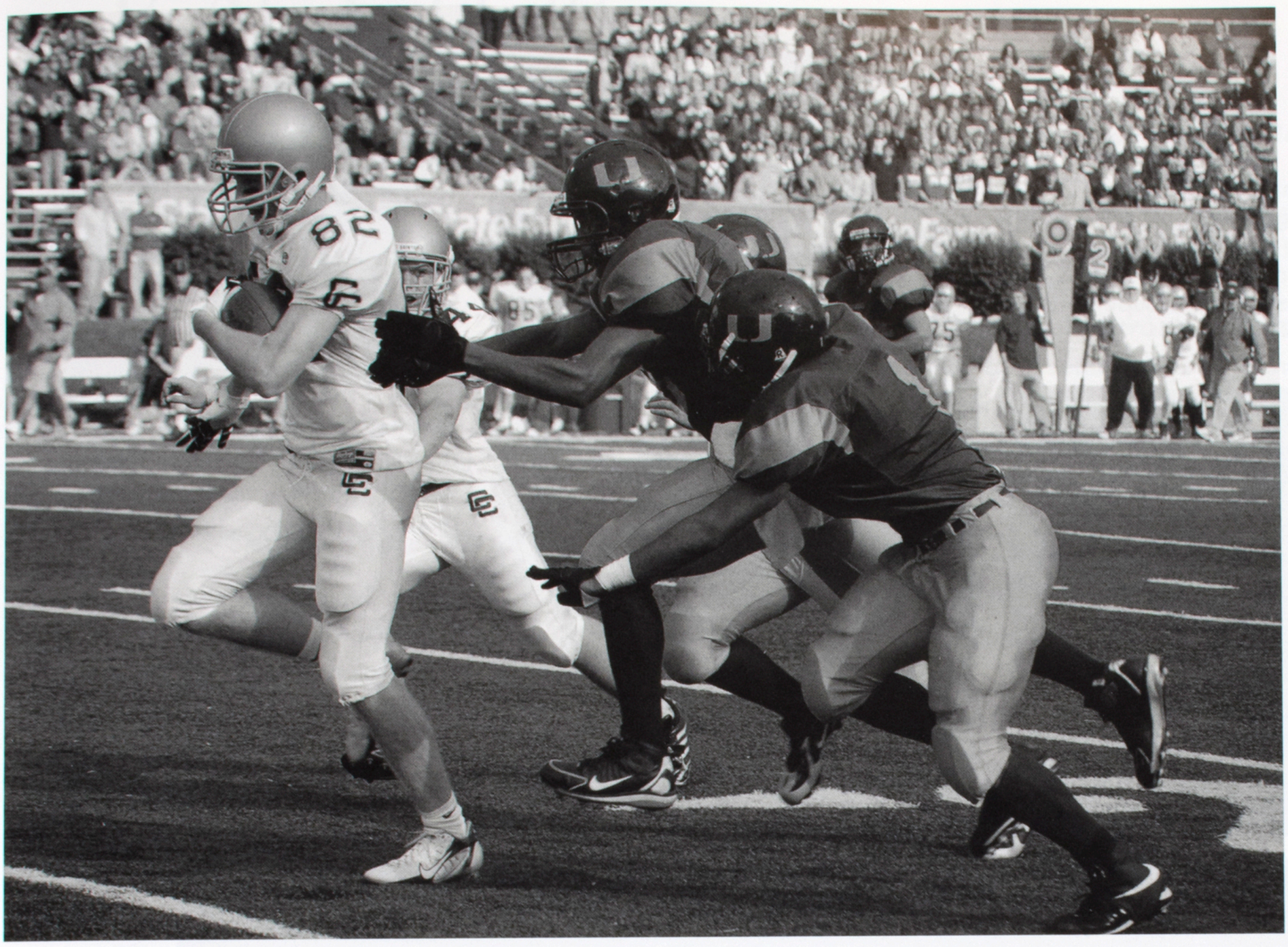
"We all have each other's backs," Todino said.











Left: Trio of Pioneers bring down a Central Catholic player.
Below: Coach Mike Troll gives senior Jake Todino a pep talk before the game.
Bottom left: Pioneers celebrate a touchdown against Central Catholic.
Photos by: Alexandra Mueller







Above: Senior Mike Dopson pushes through opponents.
Photo by: Marc Hitchen



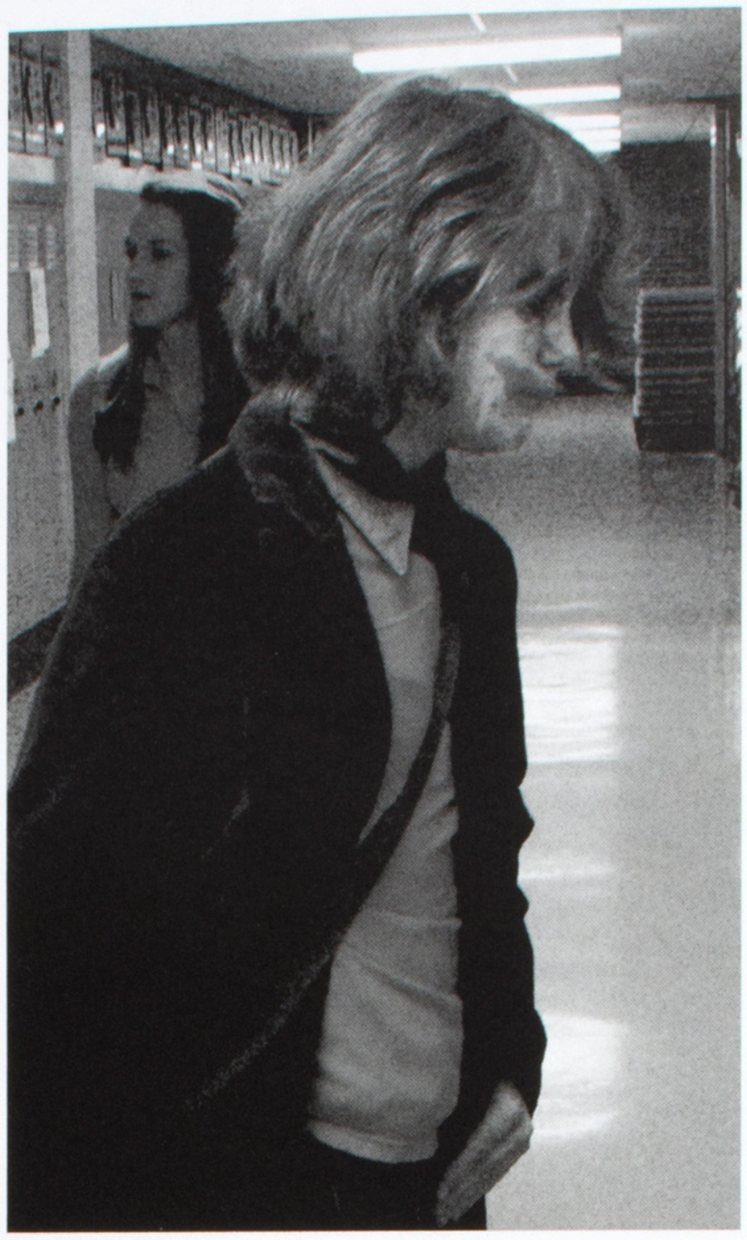




Right: Sophomore Dylan Karraker dresses as The Joker. Photo by: Leigh Huff

Below: Coach Lester Hampton reveals his his undercover indentity to students on superhero day. Photo by: Leigh Huff







Above: Freshmen reveal their dancing skills in the "I'm a Little Teapot" tradition at the pep rally. Photo by: Lindsay Schroeder

Below: Senior girls celebrate their Powderpuff victory over the juniors. Photo by: Katie Zimmerman











RACE FOR SCHOOL SPIRIT

"As seniors, we made sure that the freshman had many opportunities to sing the song until we thought it was good enough; that's what they get for losing the relay race."

-Senior Ryan Woodall

By Sara McCullough

U-High doesn't differ too much from day to day, but for one special week in the fall the routine is shaken up by uniquely themed days, a pep rally, and a flip-flopped football game.

Sprit week consisted of five days including pajama day, twin day, superhero day, wacky day, and green and gold day.

"Since this is my first year at U-High, I participated in all the days. I absolutely loved spirit week, but I wish that more people would participate in the wackier days," freshman Kelsey Bustle said.

In replacement of last year's stoplight day, some students could be seen roaming the halls in superman and batman costumes for superhero day. But many students who participated in superhero day had a hard time coming up with easy and cheap costumes.

"This is the only year I've participated in most of the days during spirit week, but I was not a big fan of superhero day. I did not want to go out and spend money on a costume to wear just one day," senior Rachel Shepard said.

For those used to spirit week, the craziness is the norm, but a third-party perspective shows how unique the week truly is.

"We do not have anything like Homecoming in Sweden, so it is different to be able to dress up to support your school. It is so much fun to have a week where everyone gets dressed up, especially wacky day," junior foreign exchange student Simone Gustafsson said.

Although dressing up is a large part of spirit week, nothing can outdo the traditional senior vs. junior Powderpuff game.

In an effort to trade places with the boys for a night, junior and senior girls "manned-up" for some flag football at the Powderpuff game. It was a thrilling game and the seniors won during the last minute. This made it exciting for the players, as well as for fans and parents.

"I dressed up for two out of the five days during spirit week, but the Powderpuff game was by far the highlight of my week," senior Kristin Judson said.

Even though senior Taylor Bruns couldn't play, she said she made the best of the night.

"I couldn't play because of my volleyball coach but it was fun to cheer on my friends," she said.

Bruns said sprit week could have gotten more people involved by having a male volleyball game. She suggests this for next year.

The week ended with an non-traditional pep rally. Each class had four students and a teacher represent them during an exciting relay race. Science teacher Steve Evans pulled out the win for the seniors on the last leg of the race.

After the relay, freshmen were required to sing "I'm a Little Teapot" numerous times until the seniors accepted their performance.

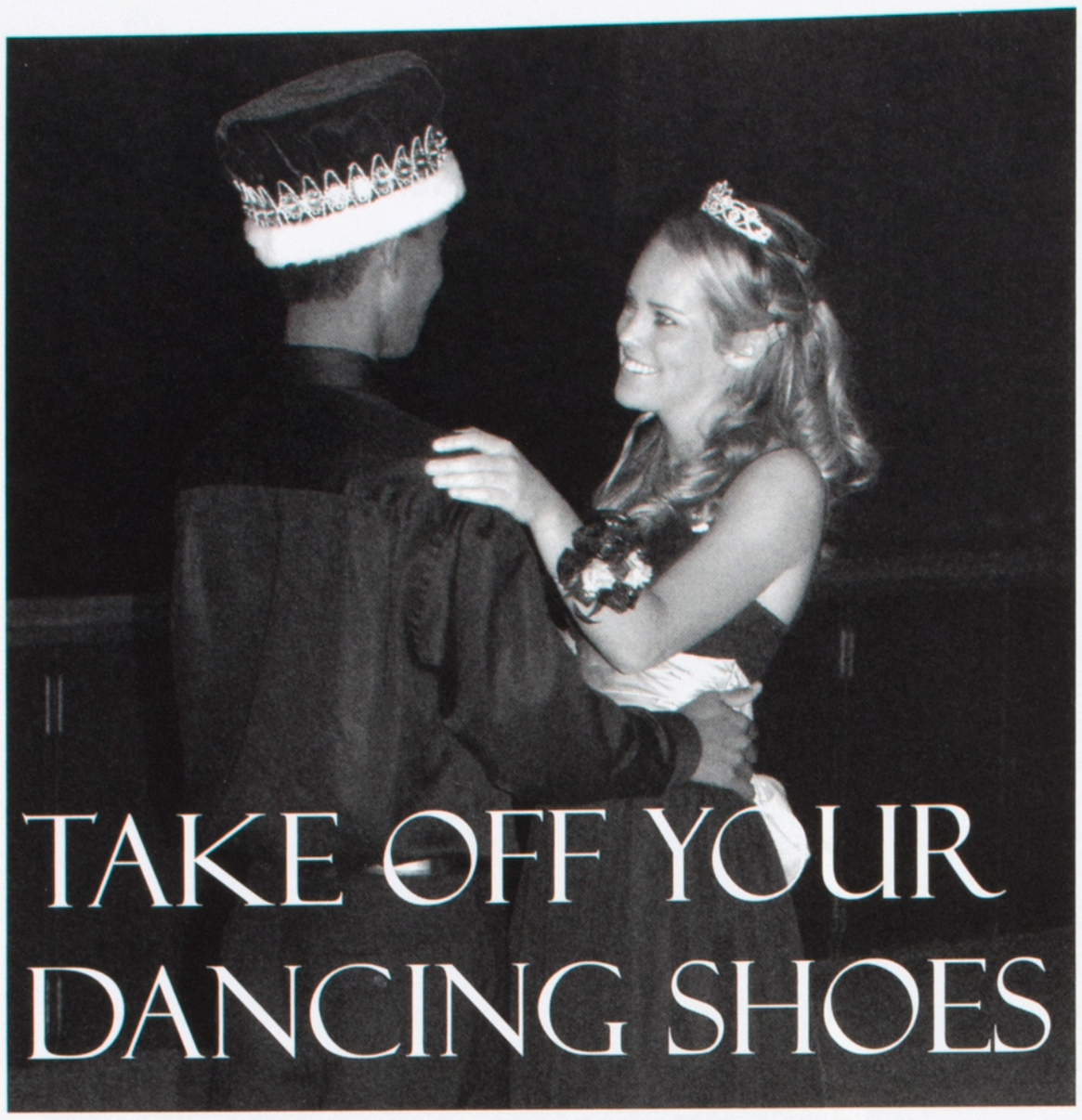
Having a freshman sister made the 'I'm a Little Teapot' song hilarious," senior Ryan Woodall said. "As seniors, we made sure that the freshman had many opportunities to sing the song until we thought it was good enough, that's what they get for losing the relay race."

Faculty involvement in the relay race got students more engaged. "Aside from having the regular pep rally, the faculty thought students might be more involved if we added some sort of friendly competition between the classes. There was no better choice than a relay race," senate sponsor Katie Orrego said.









TAKE OFF YOUR DANCING SHOES

By Leah Lancaster

Homecoming week is a celebration of school spirit, a hopeful victory for the football team, and the homecoming dance.

Intended to be a fun event that students look forward to, Homecoming is a chance for students to get together, look their best, and have a good time. However, the outlook seemed to have changed due to the new dancing policies and raised ticket prices.

"Homecoming has changed a lot since I was a freshman. Now there are dancing polices and music restrictions and just a lot of things that make homecoming not fun anymore. A lot of seniors won't be in attendance this year," senior Ikechi Nnamani said.

Senior Ryan Lehner approved of the new location for the dance, but still expressed concern over the new dance policies.

"I'm looking forward to the dance this year because it will be in Brown Ballroom, which is a nice change. I'm still worried about how strict the administration is going to be, but hopefully the dance turns out to be a fun night," Lehner said.

The seniors were not the only ones who felt this way. "I'm not really that excited for homecoming because we're not going to be able to dance. Everyone's just going to get kicked out," sophomore Emily Clay said.

Students do not want to go through the trouble of buying the dress clothes, flowers, dinner and tickets when they will not be able to dance the way they want or listen to the music they like.

Librarian Marc Feaster said that homecoming has indeed changed.

"The biggest change is that back when I was in high school, we didn't have the alumni involvement like we do now. It's sort of changed from a student-run ordeal to something the whole school community is involved in," Feaster said.

Homecoming took place on Oct. 4 in Brown Ballroom. Christmas lights were strung around the ceiling and a huge disco ball casted a festive glow on the students below. Everything was perfectly set up for a night of fun and dancing, until the music came on.

"The music choice was...interesting. Basically it was a lot of old music that you couldn't really dance too," senior Ryan Woodall said.

The school administration really meant it when they said they were cracking down on dirty dancing. Hip-hop music was replaced with jazz and old 80's hits, and occasionally a waltz or punk rock song was thrown in.

Most of the students stood around in groups complaining about the DJ. As the dance went on and the "acceptable" music continued to play, more students began to filter out onto the dance floor. Maybe it was because they had gotten bored standing around or because other students were starting to join in as well, but either way, some of the students appeared to be having a good time doing the Charleston and the electric slide across the floor.

"The dancing was much better. We did hear some complaints about the music, but we're always going to be in the process of finding a middle ground; the middle ground being a place where students are enthusiastic about participating, but in a way that is appropriate for a school-run function," Assistant Principal Steve Wilder said.

When homecoming ended at 11 p.m., students left the first dance where Wilder successfully enforced the new dance policy. A total of three students got kicked out.

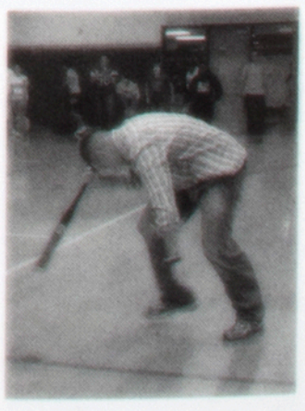
"I felt like it was an experiment or something, and for the most part it went well. I know a lot of people were upset about it, but I thought the experience was worthwhile even though it's not what we're used to at dances," junior Mary Solberg said.

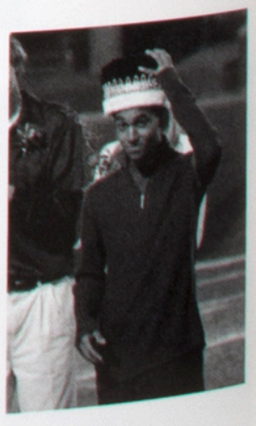
Senior Lillie Cicerchia said that the outcome of the homecoming dance partly depends on the location and music choice, but even more so, the attitude of the students that are attending.

"Certain aspects about homecoming definitely could have been improved, but then again it's only as fun as you make it," Cicerchia said.











Left: Homecoming King Kieran Pereira leads the line in the "Electric slide."
Below: Senior Katie Zimmerman gets her groove on.
Bottom left: Senior Jasmine Gibs dances with friends.
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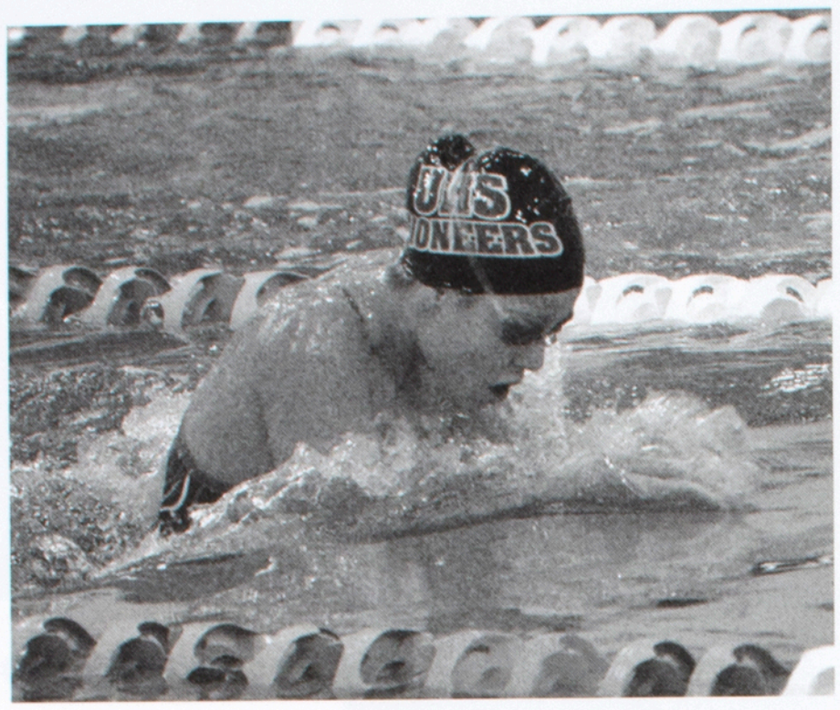


Above: Freshmen enjoy a dance at their first homecoming.



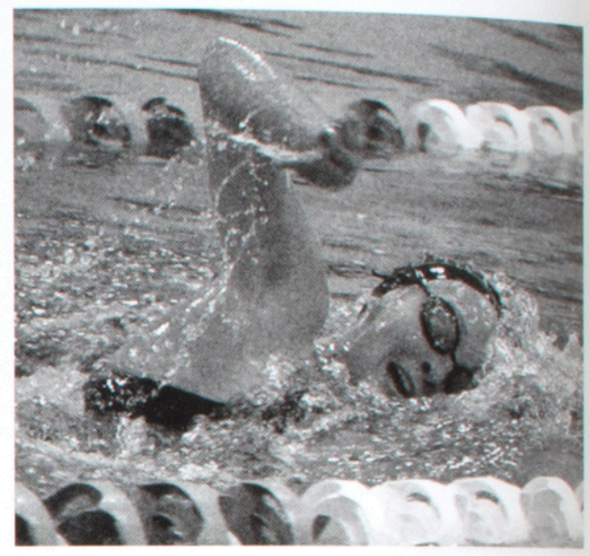


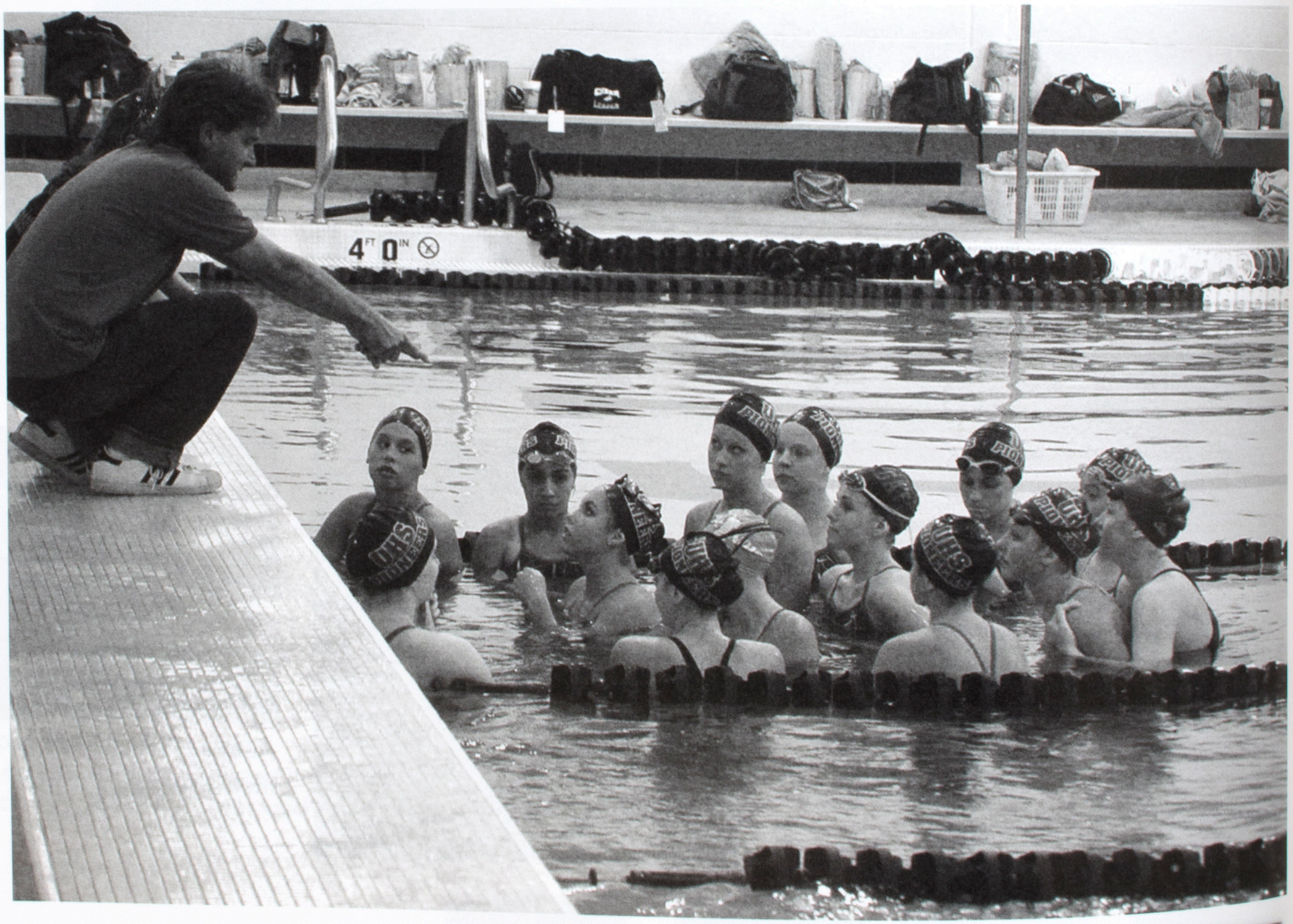






Clockwise:
Freshman Ashlee Toca comes up for air during breaststroke.
Senior Merryl Clemmons mid backstroke.
Junior Emily Hovren gets some air during free.
Head coach Ryan Burroughs gives pointers before meet.
All photos by Sebastian Grobe













GIRLS SWIMMING

"There is nothing more empowering than being on a team full of athletes that want to be there and want to succeed."
-Kathleen Knight

By: Sebastian Grobe

Through the swim team, the girls have formed tight friendships and have learned a lot about life.

"The most prolific memories would have to be all of our success as a team. Going undefeated in dual meets and invites this year has been so exciting," senior captain Kathleen Knight said.

Knight has gone to the state meet every year since she was a sophomore and holds the U-High record in the 100 Fly with 58.22.

A huge part of their success this year was due to their hard work ethic.

"I'm very proud of the team this year, every year the girls work harder than the year before. They never complain and are motivated to do the work. I rarely had to crack the whip with them," head coach Ryan Burroughs said.

` "I have so many memories from dancing around at swim meets to joking around in the locker rooms," Knight said.

Junior Emily Hovren scored the most points for U-High at State and holds the record in the 200 IM with a 2:11.92

"Having the records feels really good. I hope that next year I can make them harder for the future swimmers to break. I also hope to get faster during the off season so that I can get my name up on the board in more than one event my senior year," Hovren said. "I can't say that there are a lot of things I regret, just the obvious that I would have worked harder before so that I could have been faster now."

Junior Becca Remmes posted the lowest time in U-High swimming history in the 100 Backstroke with a 1:00.29.

One of the most intimidating things for a swimmer to hear is the official say "step-up" and then to ascend onto the starting block. They know the race is about to begin and their adrenaline begins to pump.

"On the blocks, the biggest thing I have learned is to focus on the race at hand and realize that I only have one shot to do my best. I just need to focus on my start and think my race through and end with my best effort and a great finish," Hovren said.

For seniors Knight, Cassie Anderson, Rachel Shepard, Ryanne Gorsuch and Merryl Clemons high school swimming may be over, but the memories they've had will last forever.

"My favorite memory was probably Intercity because it was amazing to have so many people come and see the swim meet. Swimming isn't popular, so it was nice to see that it can get some recognition. We put in as much, if not more, time in our practices than the football players or basketball players and they get the most people coming to watch them," Clemons said.

Girls swimming and diving was among the only teams to go undefeated in dual/tri meets in the fall season.

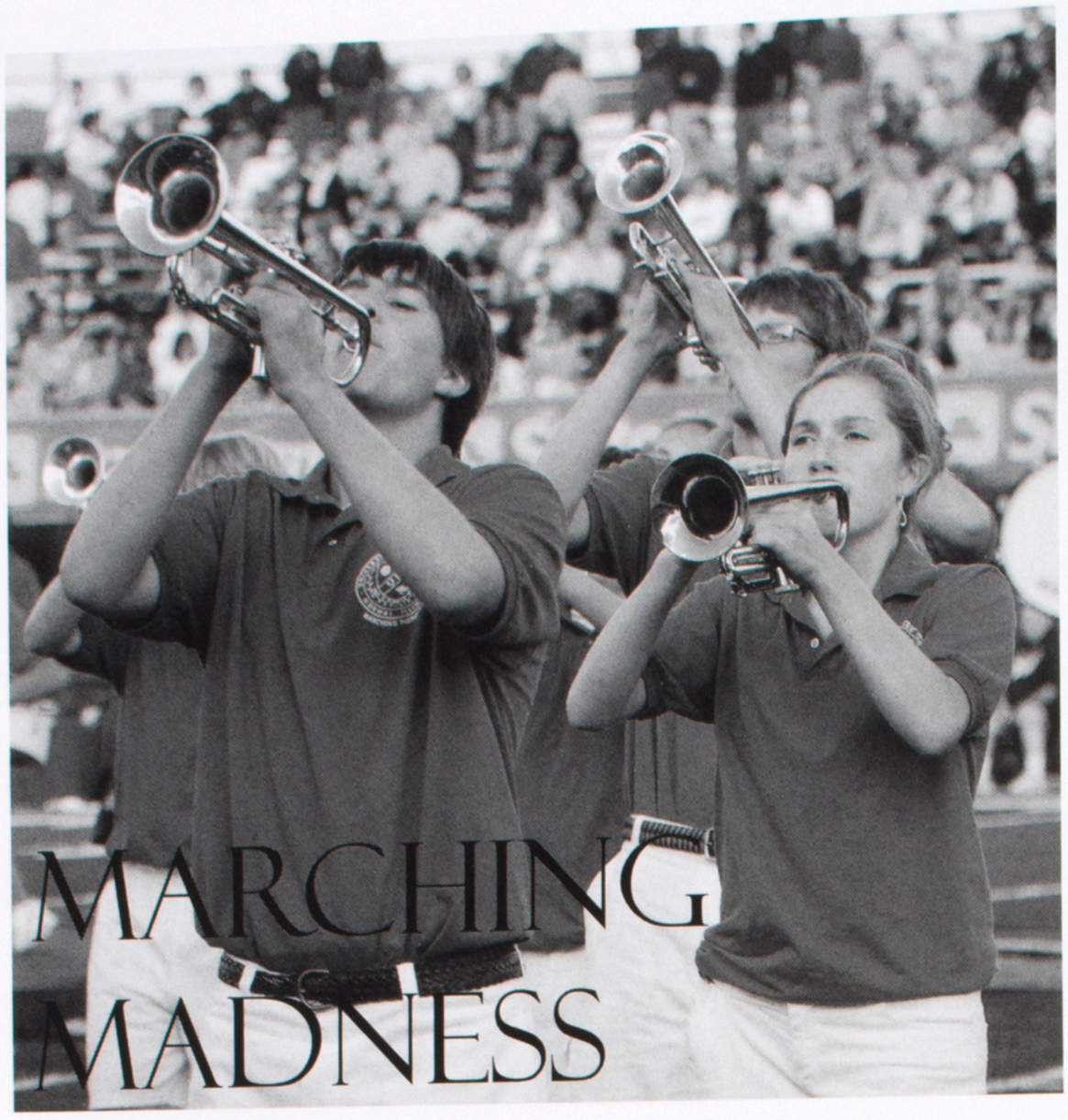
This year, the team took the 400 Free Relay consisting of Knight, Hovren, Remmes, and freshman Allie Slingsby to State and placed 21st. Knight also went to State and placed 20th in the 100 Fly and 43rd in the 200 Individual Medley. Hovren placed 12th in the 100 Free and 16th in the 200 Free.

"There is nothing more empowering than being on a team full of athletes that want to be there and want to succeed," Knight said. "Success will come to those who wait."









MARCHING MADNESS

By: Stefan Brooks

With every high school football season, comes high school marching band.

Junior drum major Wesley Holloway, felt marching band added to the excitement of the game. "The band is the cherry on top. We add that extra something. There can't be a band without a football team and there can't be a football team without a band," he said.

Senior section leader of the drum line Alex Scharf, agreed. "We really add to the atmosphere. We pump up the team and get the crowd excited," she said.

Mistakes were inevitable but continual practicing reduces those mistakes.

"You're only as good as your last performance," Holloway said.

Scharf said that practicing a lot was worth it because of their recent 1st place trophy at ISU and the drum line high score they received that was better than Bloomington and Normal West's marching band.

"There can be up to 75 different formations to memorize, so practice is completely necessary," she said.

For Scharf, marching band had a bitter-sweet toll on her social life.

"It gives me the opportunity to hang out with band kids but it limits the time to hang out with my other friends," she said.

Marching band presented itself a different opportunity for Holloway. "You meet new people and people you don't even talk to, know who you are," he said.

A minor secret to the marching bands success is getting to games a bit earlier than most. On game days, the three other drum majors, junior Kelsey Maffett and Miriam Ball, and senior Delayne Durdle, along with Holloway, get there to go over the music, hand motions, and people's parts.

According to Scharf, the other part of their success is staying focused on the field. "Drum line music is harder and you have to know where you are going," she said.

For senior Kristina Cooper, stepping out on the field brings on a whole new range of emotions.

"It's usually a pretty cool adrenaline rush, but sometimes it's really nerve-wracking because we know how easy it is for the entire band to fall apart. We all depend on each other, and there are times in the show where the whole song depends on one person to keep us going. We all know the exact spots that the song falls apart in practice, and everyone is nervous the entire show, afraid that it'll happen and we won't be able to get back on track," she said.

Cooper embraces the marching bands success and uses the feeling as encouragement.

"It feels great when we know we've done well at a game, and especially if we have a big competition the next day because then we know that we're ready" she said.







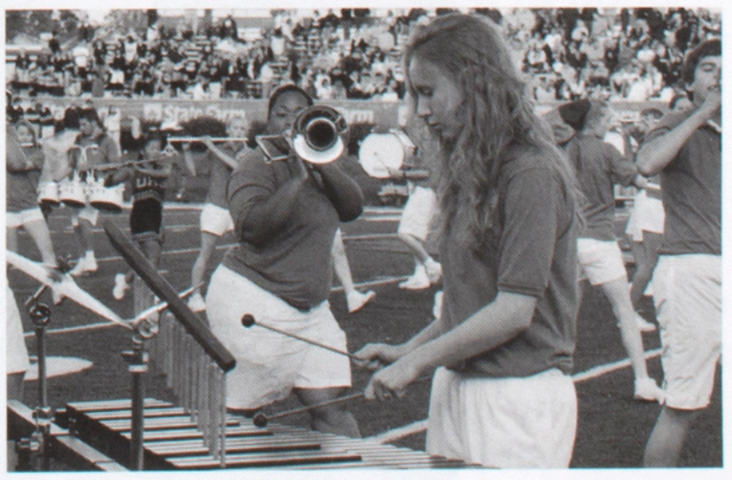




Left: Marching band arrives at the ISU field house.
Below: Saxaphone players march during halftime.
Photos by Matt Shrier







Above: Sophomore Kelsey Larson twirls flag.
Senior Kay Schutte plays in the pit.
Photos by Matt Shrier











Clockwise: Senior Brent Miller (as doorman) demands a tip.
Senior Matt Stroh (as Max) recieves troubling news on the phone.
Senior Brittany Evans (as Maria) tries to ignore her husband (played by Taylor Olsen)
Sophomore Emma Blyth (as Maggie) worries Stroh.
All photos by Matt Shrier













A FARCE TO REMEMBER

By: Tess Losada

It is a tradition in the theatre department for anyone involved in the production, be it the fall play or the spring musical, to put all of their free time and effort into their role.

This year, the hard-working stars of the play were seniors Matt Stroh, Brittany Evans, Jessie Swiech, Taylor Olson, and sophomore Emma Blyth. They spent a lot of time working on the funny side of the play.

"The audience is definitely going to enjoy the comic aspect of the play," junior assistant director Bobby Bobbitt said.

Lend Me a Tenor is the Tony Award winning play by Ken Ludwig, and involves a chain-reaction of confusion and identity crisis that produces a lot of comedy.

"My favorite part of the play was the running around at the end," Stroh said.

Stroh wasn't the only actor who got a workout; all throughout the play Olson, as the high-energy opera singer Tito Merelli, took full advantage of the space on stage.

When Merelli's wife (Evans) mistakes a fan for a secret lover, she leaves him a "Dear John" letter, which he finds as he is leaving his dressing room to perform.

The series of accidents that follow involve tranquilizers, mistaken identities, and awkward make-out sessions.

However, the actors aren't the only students who put a lot of work into this play.

"This is the first year that we have had both set and light design done completely by students. Leigh Huff designed the lights, and Kenny Lane did the entire set," director Susan Thetard said.

Although Thetard said that both Lane and Huff did a great job, they faced several difficulties as they planned their designs.

"The most difficult thing about Lend Me a Tenor was understanding and working with the minute budget we had for this show," Huff said.

Huff also explained that since Lend Me a Tenor was a traveling show, it was very small. Therefore he had issues with having only a small portion of his lights work in both spaces.

Lane also encountered frustrations in his efforts to design the set for Lend Me a Tenor, but his weren't budget related.

"The hardest part about building the set was my attention to detail, or the lack thereof. When I wasn't at rehearsal I had to give very detailed instructions to the crew so that it would get done the way I envisioned it," Lane said.

Lane said the set was completely ready for the performance weekend, but there were some minor obstacles to overcome.

"There were some mishaps with the doors, but the actors dealt with them well," junior stage manager Katy Biddle said.

Thetard explained that Lend Me a Tenor would be a nice change of pace for the thespians, as they haven't recently done a modern farce.

"I chose this play because I try to mix up the kinds of plays in the four years so that students get as many different experiences as possible. Last year's fall play, Charlie's Aunt was a farce, but Lend Me a Tenor will definitely have more humor that high school students will enjoy," Thetard said.

All of the actors said that they worked hard on really fitting into the characters so that the jokes would be easy to understand for the audience.

To close out the show, the Lend Me a Tenor played to a packed house of almost 600 audience members when they participated in Theatrefest. They were one of nine schools selected in Illinois to bring their show and perform for other theater kids from Illinois.

"The students were very organized, especially with all of the adaptations we had to make for Theatrefest," Thetard said.

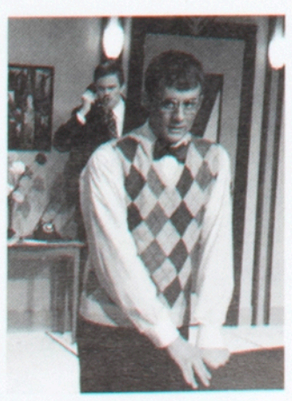
The set was minimized so that it would fit on the new stage, and Huff had to redesign all of the lights to work with the new equipment he would be using.

"The technicians did an awesome job, and all of the students were very professional," Thetard said.

The audience at Theatrefest seemed to agree, giving Lend Me a Tenor a standing ovation for its final performance.







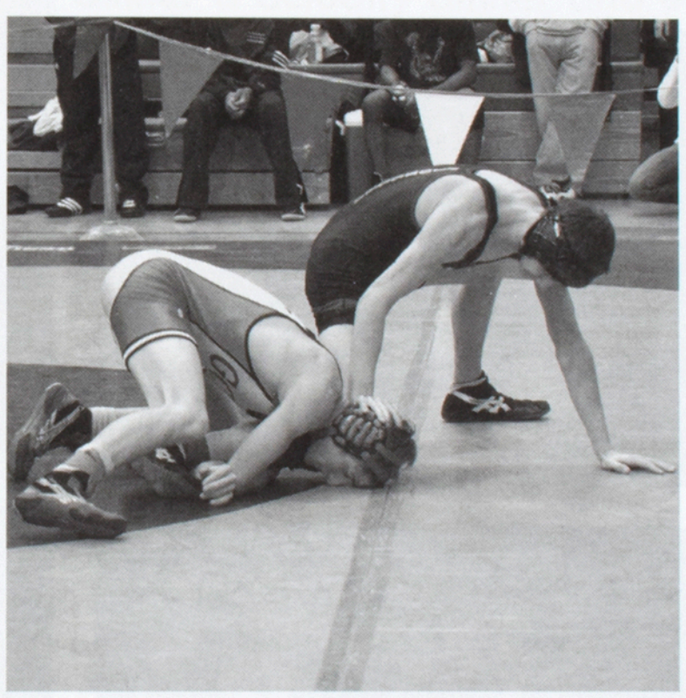



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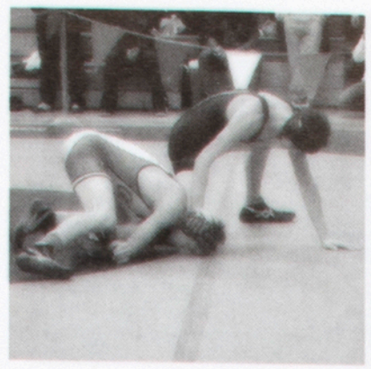




Clockwise from top
Senior Jenny Koth and sophomore George Seeliger perform.
Courtsinger boys hold the traditional Boar's Head feast.
Sophomore Brian Tanaka is shocked during dinners.
Senior madrigals act out a scene durring the dinners.
Madrigals act out a scene using props.
All Photos by Casie Golliday.









JUST LIKE OLDE TIMES

By Stefan Brooks

Every year a group of singers get together to sing in a style from the Renaissance time period called madrigals. What set this year's group apart for those of previous years was the time and total dedication to the group and music.

"We have madrigal camp for 3 days during the summer from 8 am to 3 pm. Then once school starts we practiced 2 days a week from 3:15-5. Closer to the dinners we practice more. We worked every night that week from after school till about 6. Then there are a couple practices during Thanksgiving break, but it is totally worth the time." Said junior Miriam Ball.

Since madrigals is such a huge time commitment one might think that a person's social life suffers. According to Sophomore George Seelinger this is not so.

"Madrigals has brought me closer to the other Madrigals, but hasn't affected the rest of my social life that much" He said. "Spending so much time with the same twelve people you get to become friends fast. "

We enjoy each other's company. We don't all hang out, but some of us have become good friends and gotten to know each other well. We have had parties and just spent time together without it being all-business" Ball said.

The madrigal dinners are not the only performance for this singing bunch.

"We have a few other performances around town such as the Festival of Trees, nursing homes, Bromen, U-High football game, and U-High's open house" said senior Grant Miller.

This might sound like a blast but for guys there is one drawback.

"Mrs. Corpus says we have to wear the tights, so we do." Seelinger said. "The tights keep a lot of guys from joining. I guess they just work with the authenticity of the time period. I'm not really sure why though." Ball reiterated

The dinner is actually dinner and entertainment combined into one.

"It's centered around the play being put on by the madrigals, but there is also music during breaks by the brass players, recorders, and strings. Then the court singers are like the minstrels in our "royal party." " Ball said.

With no director it might be hard to sing together.

"We direct each other through our body movements such as head nods or head movements" Miller said.

The Chateau hosts this "party" every year. "I think The Chateau fits the mood since madrigal singing started in the sixteenth century, but other than that, I simply see it as a performance space we traditionally use every year." Seelinger said.

Parent volunteers set up the stage at the Chateau and they also are responsible for the upkeep of the costumes. According to Miller the costumes include real fur.

"They are to make us look like they are really from that time period. If we were up on stage wearing jeans and nice shirts, the illusion wouldn't work. The costumes really do make it look like a medieval party." Ball said.

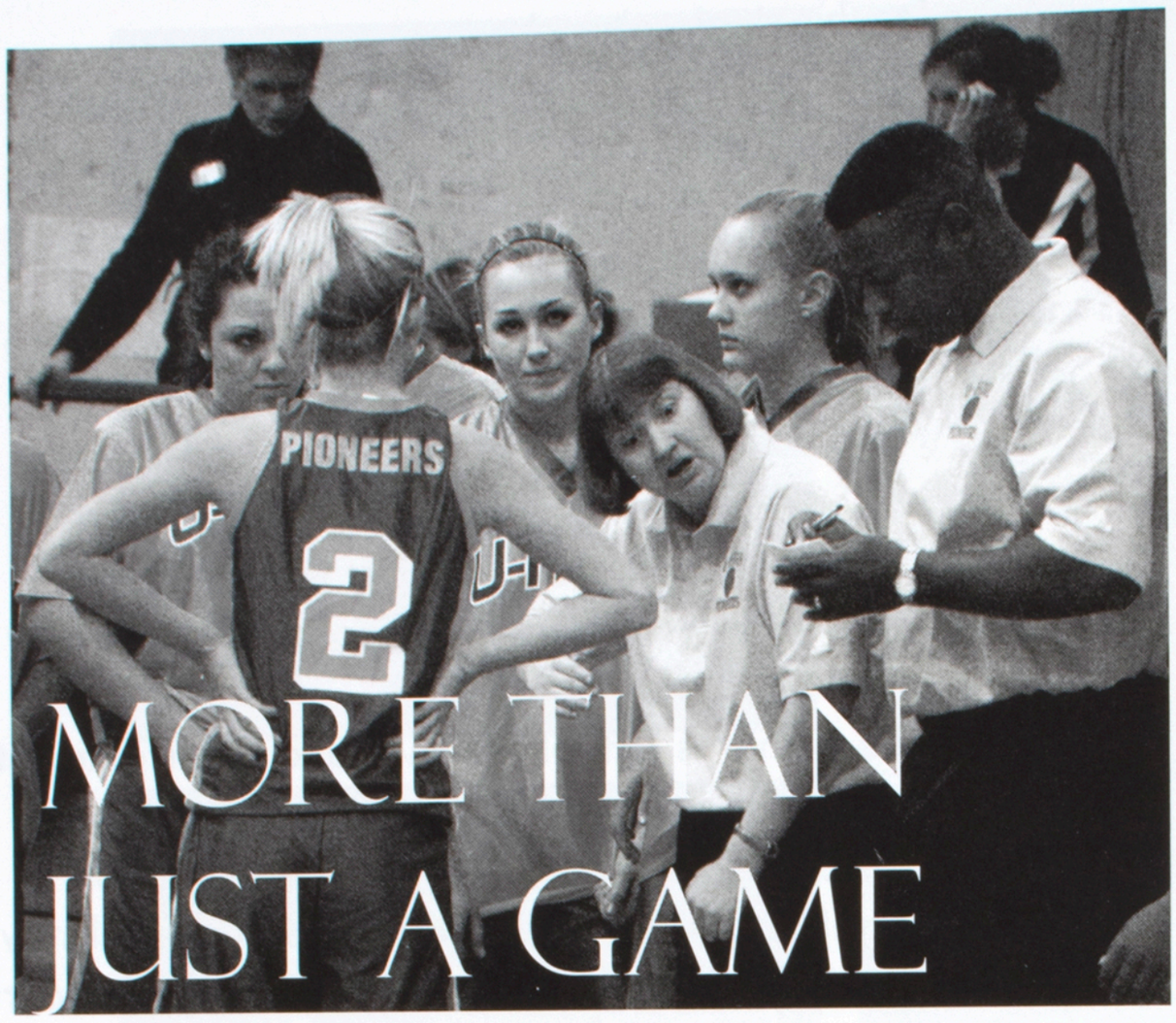
Parents usually have the a major say with how a teenage spends their time and all three madrigals basically said the same thing.

"My parents don't seem to mind me spending so much time doing Madrigals because they enjoy listening to the Madrigals and it works into their schedule easily enough." Said Seelinger.









MORE THAN JUST A GAME

By Anna Lenart

The day after Christmas is usually a time to watch holiday movies and eating leftovers, however, this was not the case for the U-High girls basketball team. At dawn the 13 varsity players woke up with one thing on their mind: the State Farm Holiday Classic.

The holiday classic is an annual coed basketball tournament that is held in local high schools and Illinois State University Redbird Arena. The classic originated in 1975 and has continued to grow more and more popular throughout the years.

The team prepared for the tournament during practices by reviewing how their opponents play.

"Coach Sellers had watched the other teams before so we went over each team's strategies in practice. It helped us win because we knew their plays and how to break their presses," senior captain Kristin Judson said.

They were also able to scrimmage against former U-High boys varsity basketball players and practice at the arena to get a feel for the floor and environment.

"Redbird is one of my favorite places to play. It's big, it's different than what we're used to playing on, and you almost feel like you're playing something beyond high school basketball," senior captain Lindsay Schroeder said.

Junior varsity player Alyssa Palmer had to agree.

"It was exciting playing in Redbird Arena on a big college floor with all the lights and seats. And winning made the experience even better," she said.

The team came in with a record of 7-3 for their regular season and they were ready to rack up a few more W's in their column.

"We were pretty confident in the way we had been playing in our regular season games and we were ready to come out and show everyone how talented we really were," Judson said.

The girls' first competition was against Rock Island where they proved their hard work had been paying off with a 45-36 victory.

The team knew the next game wouldn't come easy for them. It was going to be the hardest game for them during the tournament playing against Peoria Richwood.

They came in knowing they had to give it their all and more, but unfortunately it wasn't good enough. The team came up short-handed with a 42-30.

"Richwood is ranked 2nd in the state, they have three D1 players, they are a tough team and we just came up short," head soach Laura Sellers said.

For some of the players they really did come up short.

"They had size. I mean we are a short team and they had some tall girls that were hard to compete against," Palmer said.

It was an upsetting loss for the team, but they had to keep their heads up for the next game that would be played in the consolation bracket.

Game 3 would be no walk in the park, but the team was able to pull through, beating Peoria Notre Dame 44-37.

Although the loss to Richwood was still on the coaches and players minds they did not let it hold them back during their final game of the tournament.

Their final game against Bloomington helped move their tournament record to 3-1. After a long, hard fought game the girls came out with a 42-33 win.

Although it had been a long tournament and was straining on the girls, their overall performance proved to be positive.

"During the games it didn't matter who scored or who got the rebounds, the girls came together as a team which showed a lot about them," Sellers said.

They worked together as a team and were able to grow closer with one another.

"As a team we improved overall, offensive skills and defensive skills. We became closer as a team because if someone missed a shot, the next play you knew there would be someone there to get you going again," Schroeder said.

It wasn't surprising that the team was excited about their 5th place finishing in the tournament, but they also seemed to be impressed with their abilites.

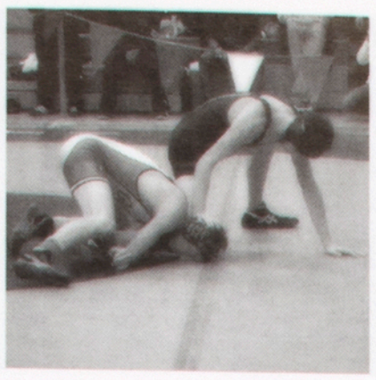
"It was very exciting because we weren't expected to do as well as we did in the tournament. We were ranked 9th and we got 5th. We made a good name for ourselves for being able to play the teams we did. It was almost like we were the threats to the other teams," Judson said.
Sellers agreed.

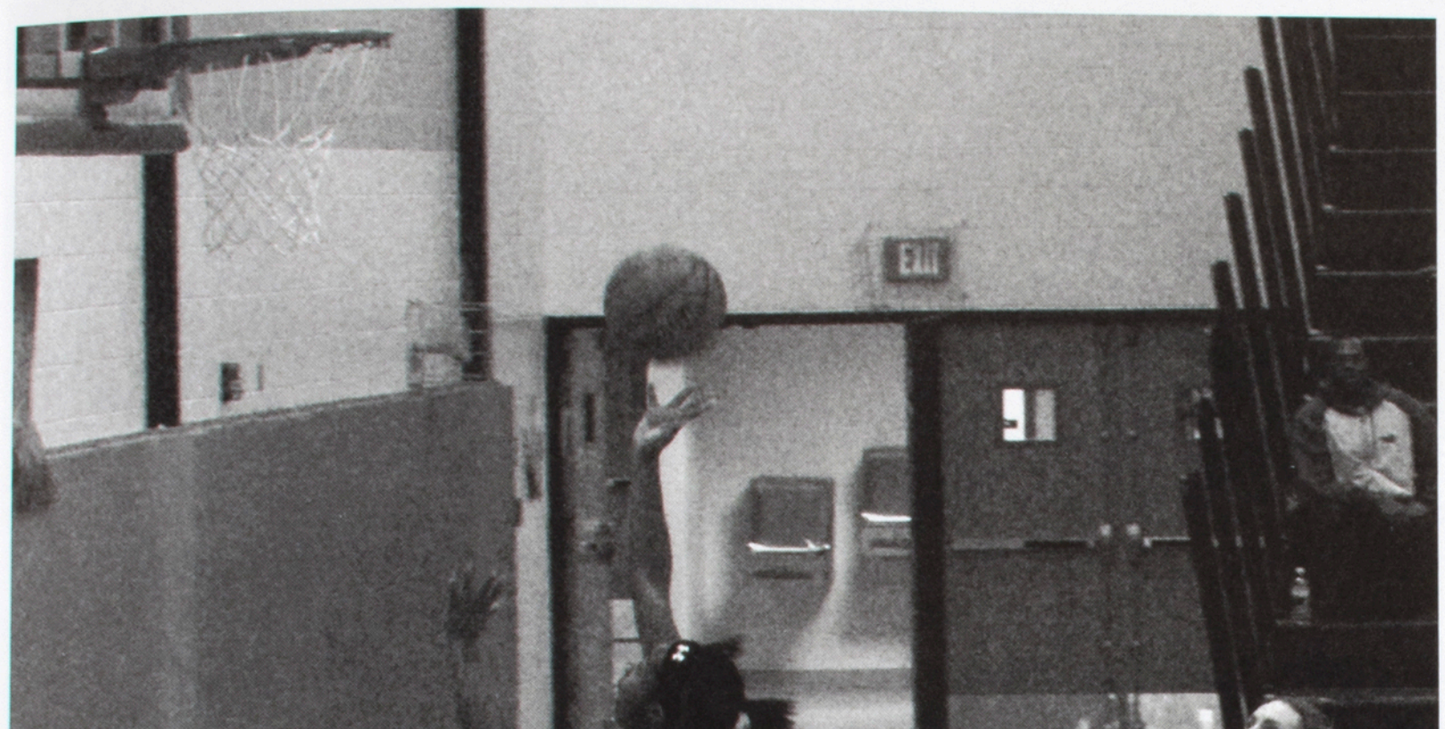
"Even when expectation is low with team effort and hard work anything is possible," Sellers said.

Overall the team finished their regualr season with a record of 20-8.















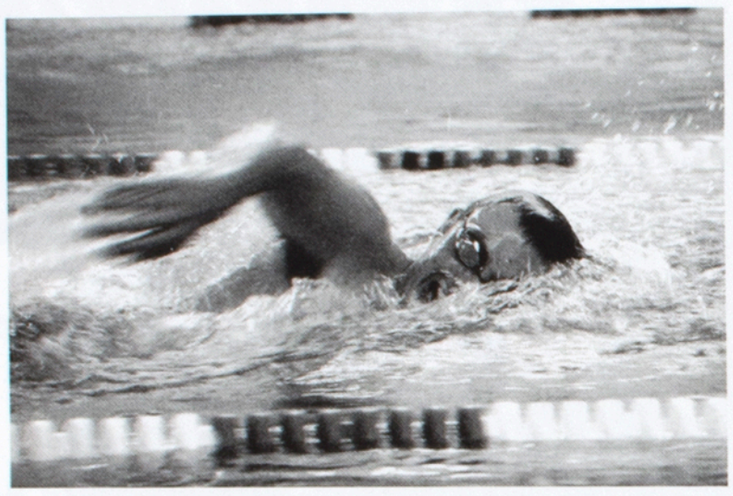
Clockwise from top: Junior Alyssa Palmer brings the ball up the court during a fast break. Photo by Marc Hitchen
Senior Tenisha Brown drives to the basket hoping to score against West. Photo by Marc Hitchen
Senior Kristen Judson stares down an opponent. Photo by Marc Hitchen
Senior Tenisha Brown dodges opponent. Photo by Casie Golliday
Junior Alyssa Palmer goes for basket. Photo by Casie Golliday





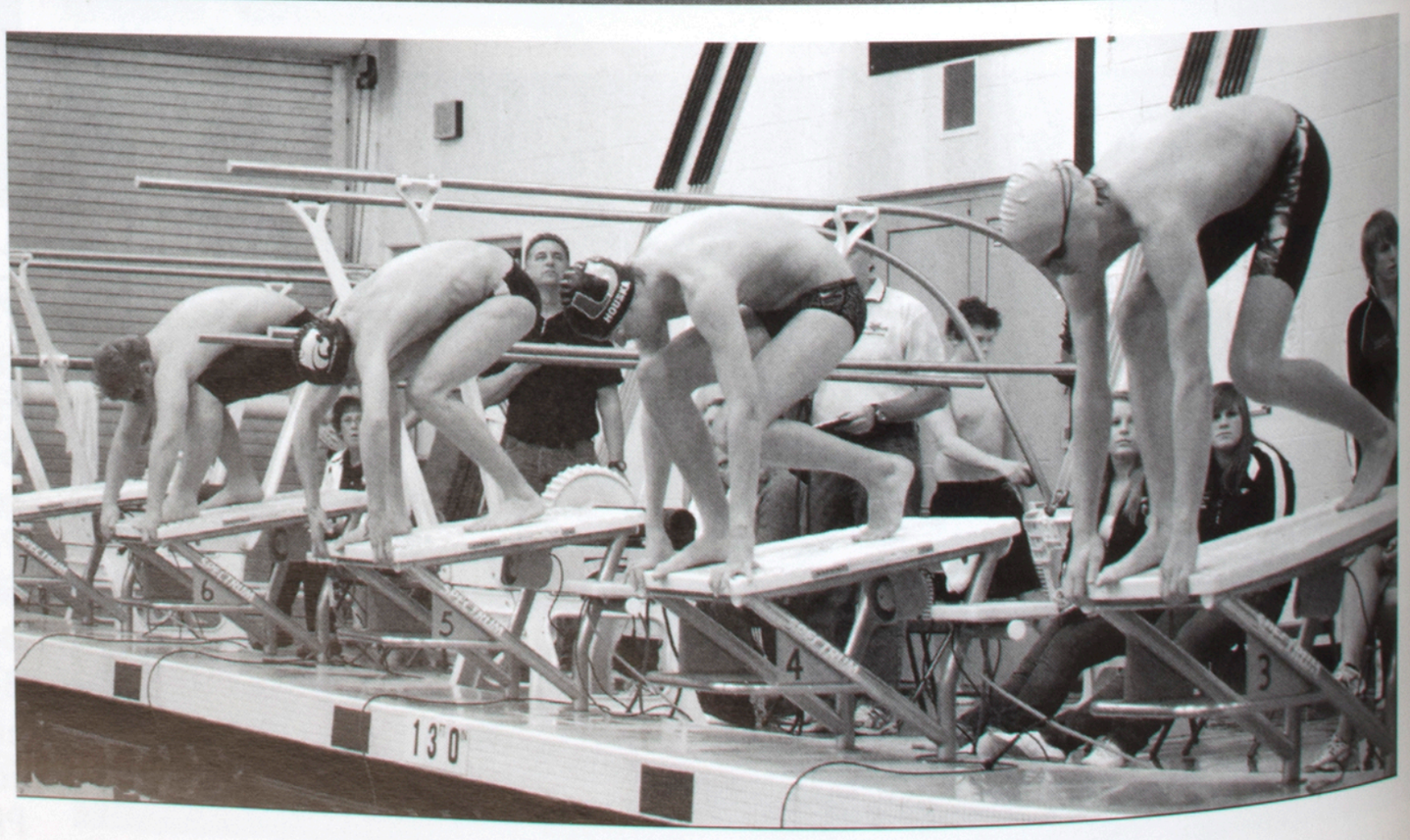








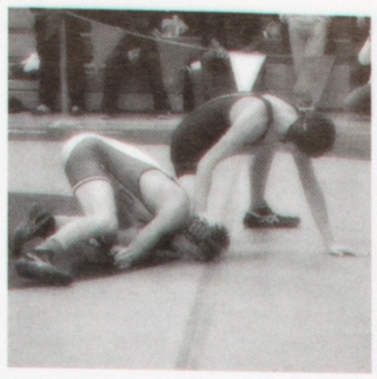




Clockwise: Freshman Josh Parton backflips off diving board.
Junior Brad Saunders focuses before release.
U-High swimmers hold onto wall before release.
Senior Jack McCarthy comes up for a breath in the 50-Meter Free.
Junior Brad Saunders swims the backstroke.









SOMETHING IN THE WATER

By Leigh Huff

After a fantastic season, the Boys Swim team finished just short of their goal of a place in the top ten at state.

"It would have been nice if we had shown up ready to swim at state. All season our goal was simply to score well at state and try to place top 10 but we didn't come in with the right attitude and many people swam almost scared," senior captain Jack McCarthy said.

"I was very proud of our swimmers, they had a great season though they weren't really prepared for state," coach Michelle Meyer said.

Though they boys didn't quite meet their goals at state, U-high did have two swimmers place in their events. In the 500-yard Free, Junior Tyler Hines took 7th place, while sophomore John Williamson also claimed 7th in the 200-yard Fly.

"I was just ecstatic with my placing at state, though it would have been nice to see our relays do better," Sophomore Tyler Hines said.

Outside of state, the Boys Swim team was near indestructible. At intercity, the boys walked away with a win, in addition to a first in both Regionals and Sectionals, in addition to breaking numerous records.

"This season we were much faster. We broke all three relay records and we had some solid chemistry," senior captain Sebastian Grobe said.

It was obvious that the strength of the U-High squad ran deeper than simply practices and meets.

"Our team was incredible. The friends I've made from swimming are so great. We've had such great times together, from actual meets, to practice, to pre-practice basketball, to the get-togethers outside of swimming," Grobe said.

Even in the future, the prospects for the team look extremely high. Losing four seniors from the line, the expectations have been raised from this season.

"I think that the U-High medley relay could go top 6; and in two years it definitely has the potential to be the best in the State. John, Christian, Tyler, and Cole are going to be powerhouse upperclassmen," Grobe said.

"The team next year will be fantastic," McCarthy said. "All three of the returning classes have great swimmers who will do very well for themselves next year, I think they will lose a little bit of depth with losing four seniors, we will be a hard class to replace."

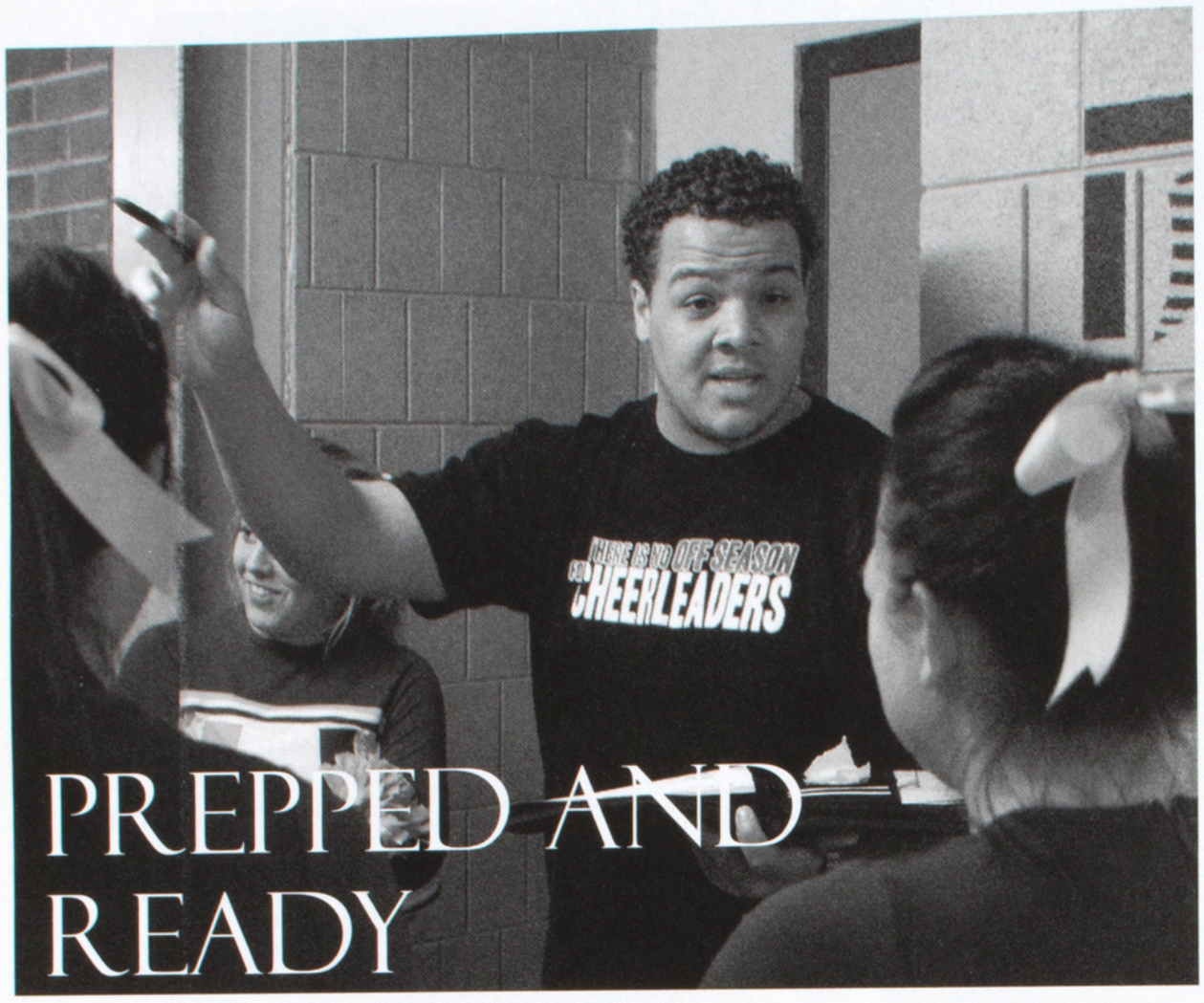
The swimmers attending U-High next year are confident of their abilities as well,

"I would really love to place with a relay or two next season, and maybe a win in the 500-free." Hines said.









PREPPED AND READY

"For being on such short notice, he transitioned into the coaching role above expectations." - Senior Hannah Corley

By Jordan Bond

The "go-fight-win" cheers were temporarily dismissed before U-High's new head cheerleading coach, Andrew Miller stepped in.

"Originally, I was asked to take over for a friend who found out she was going to be expecting a baby and could no longer fulfill the job requirements," Miller said.

As a Class of '07 alumni from University of Illinois Miller had a lot of experience with Cheerleading and competitions.

"I started cheerleading my freshman year in college due to a scholarship opportunity," Miller said.

Scouted by the company UCA, Universal Cheerleading Association, Miller travels with the company around the United States and internationally to help train other cheerleaders.

"We host competitions both state wide and nationally," Miller said. "I have been working for them for the past 5 years."

U-High's senior cheerleading captain Hannah Corley was immediately made aware of Miller's leadership skills.

"He was very professional and he dedicated himself to our team," Corley said. "For being on such short notice, he transitioned into the coaching role above expectations." Corley said. "He believed that it was his responsibility to get us excited and make cheerleading enjoyable."

Due to the high amount of injuries in the season, thus resulting in routine changes, the team was only able to enter one competition.

"With all the injuries we experienced we were only able to compete once," Corley said. "We had been signed up for other competitions but we were not ready to compete since we changed our routine eight times."

With Miller's transition from Normal Community West to U-High, coming in as rival head coach wasn't an issue.

"I believe he brought something new this year," junior Jordan Stork said. "He was different from our previous coaches and I think we learned a lot of new things not only cheerleading, but also about being a team."

Miller wasn't the only newcomer; senior tumbler Annie Nord was also starting fresh.

"I heard that a lot of cheerleaders were injured and couldn't tumble and I could tumble so I thought I could help out," Nord said. "I always thought competitive cheerleading looked sweet."

Not only was Miller coaching the U-High's cheer squad, but he also started a semester at Illinois State University.

"I just started at ISU this spring in a graduate program to obtain my teaching certificate," Miller said.

Miller plans on continuing on his current path, and to return as Varsity Cheerleading coach

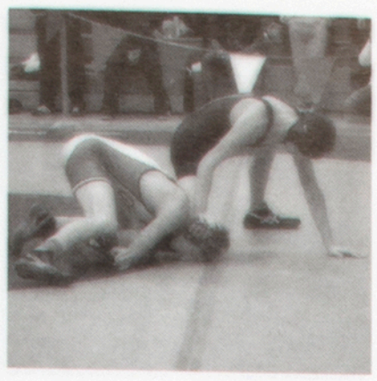
"It has greatly affected my life in a very positive way," Miller said. "I put a lot of time and effort in everything that I do, so coming to U-High has taken a lot of my time, and I have enjoyed every minute of it."

Millers love for coaching is obvious.

"He's really passionate about cheerleading. You can tell he loves to do it," senior Anna Vaughn said.

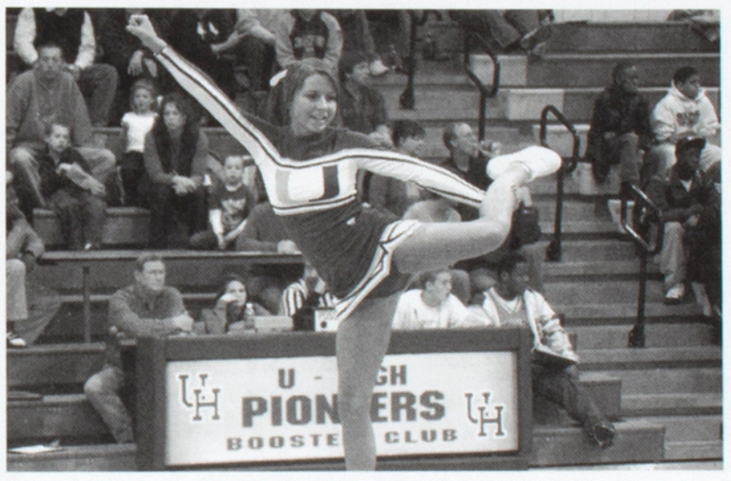
















Clockwise:
The U-High cheering squard performs a routine during a pep rally.
Senior Anna Vaughn cheers at a basketball game.
Junior Jordan Stork performs a stunt during a basketball game.
Senior Amanda Blair and junior Lindsey Spaits cheer on the basketball team at intercity.
Varsity cheerleaders stand with pom pons rasied.
Photos by: Casie Golliday

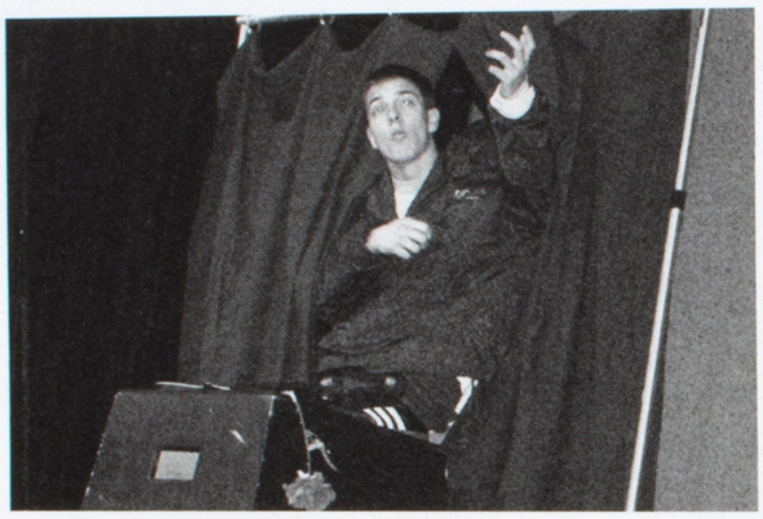


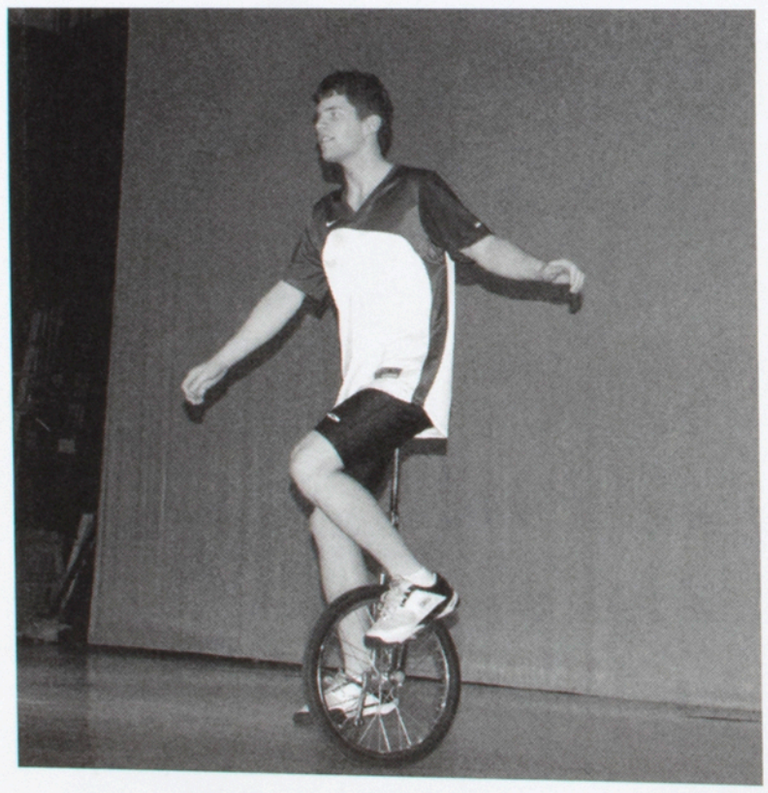


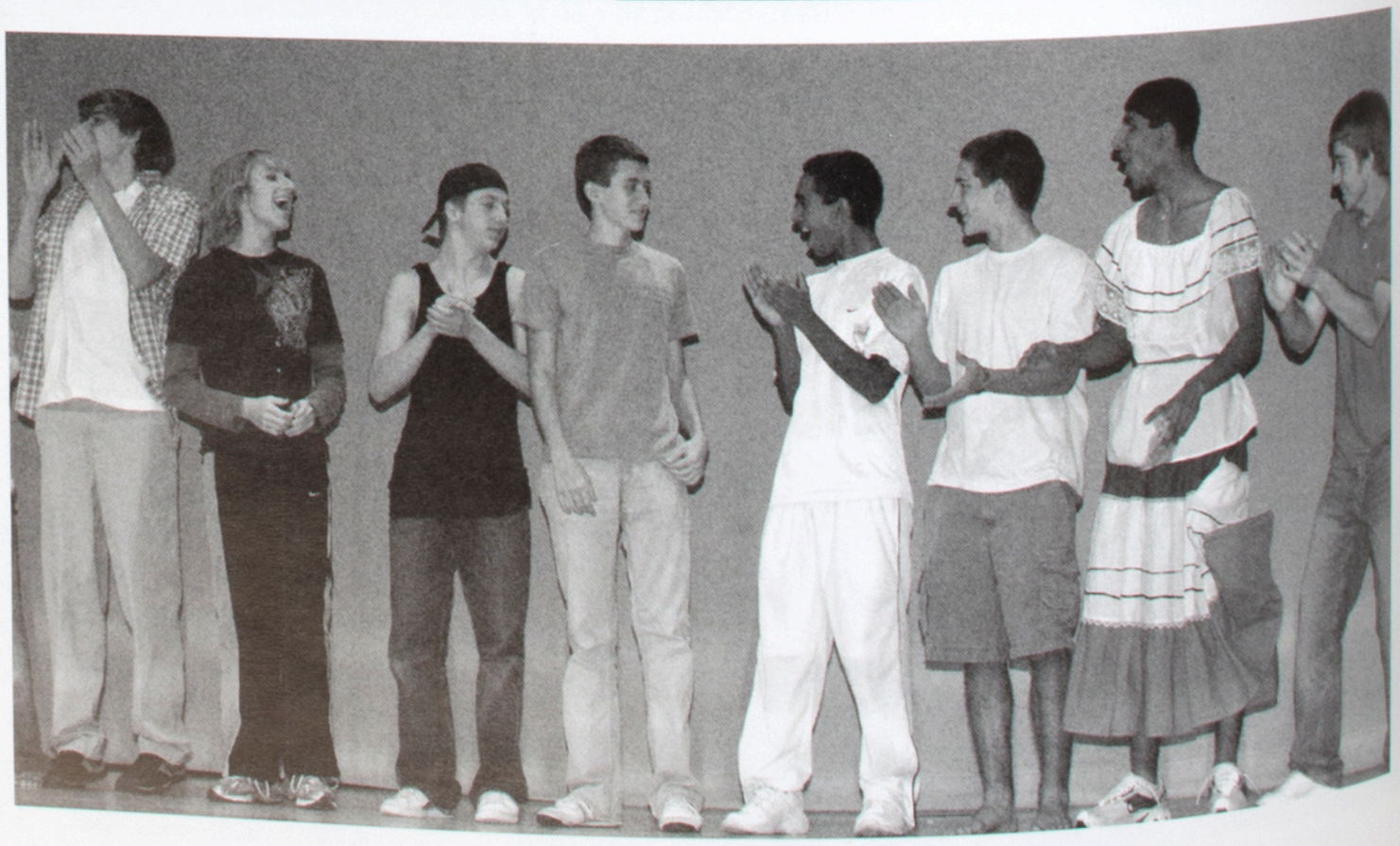








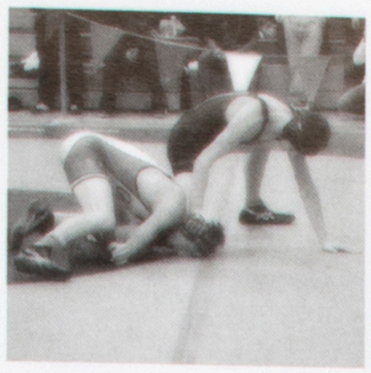


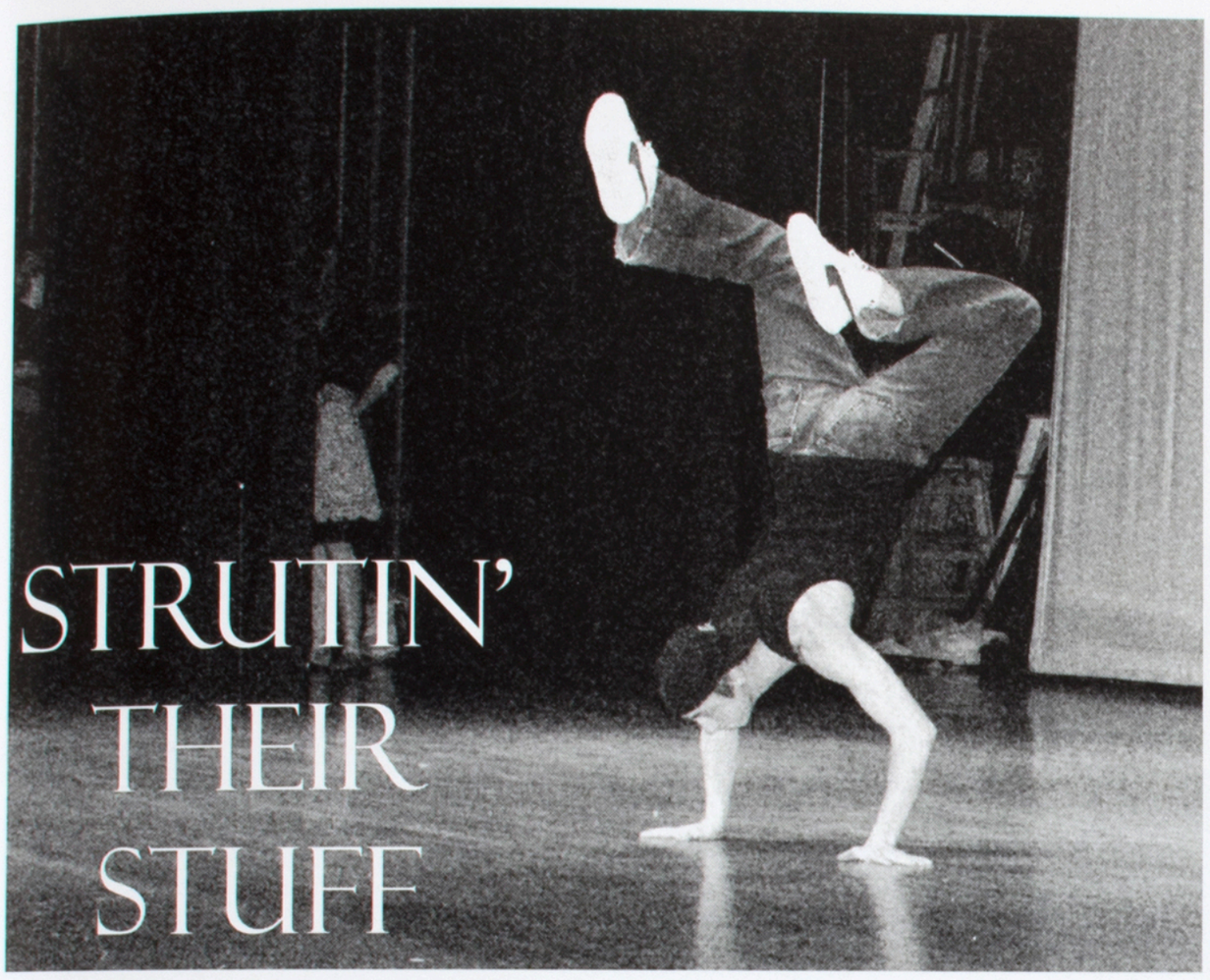


Clockwise:
Seniors Rob Hanson and Munan Singhal Salsa dance.
Senior Grant Miller is annouced Mr. U-High.
Contestants applause for the new Mr. U-High.
Senior Keith Graden shows his talent by riding a unicycle.
Senior Jake Todino pretends to be a little person for his talent.
Photos by: Alexandra Mueller









STRUTIN' THEIR STUFF

"I wish I could've kept that jacket."
-Senior Grant Miller

By Annie Nord

On Saturday Nov 15, eleven senior boys showed off their dance moves and charmed the audience in the Mr. U-High competition.

The night started with the formalwear competition.

The completions winner, Jake Todino, was escorted by seniors Courtney and Emily Allen. His white pin striped tuxedo and kiss he blew to judge Steve Evans made him the crowd favorite.

"I just had one good looking tux," Todino said.

Grant Miller won the next round, a swimwear competition, with plain green trunks. Miller jokingly flexed his muscles and then realized he didn't have any. He then pouted and sulked off the stage in embarrassment.

"I was honestly surprised about winning swimwear," Miller said.

The talent portion was one by Kieran Pereira with a tap dance to the beat of junior Ian Ostaszewski's druming. After a few minutes, black lights lit up the stage and his white outfit glowed in the dark.

"I got the idea from my girlfriend, she did a dance with black lights at her Orchesis concert," Pereira said.

The audience and judges were in shock when Jack Capodice smashed his Guitar Hero guitar after playing "Welcome to the Jungle" on expert level and hyper speed.

"Pieces were flying, the shrapnel exploding from his guitar scared the snot out of us," Evans said.

Head coordinator of the competition, senior Allison Vaughn, said she really enjoyed the talent portion.

"I was really happy with the talents this year because they were actually talents," Vaughn said.

The last event of the evening was a Q&A session. Sebastian Grobe's question: "If you could be on the cover of any magazine, which would you choose and why?" was answered with a story about his friend who chose to go to U-High instead of Central Catholic. His response (that completely dodged the question) was the winning answer.

After the four-category competition, Miller was crowned with a large green crown, and green Mr. U-High jacket. "I wish I could've kept that jacket," he said.

Senior judge Amanda Lawler said that the vote for Miller was unanimous.

"He was a really good actor on stage. We could tell that the audience really liked him," Lawler said.

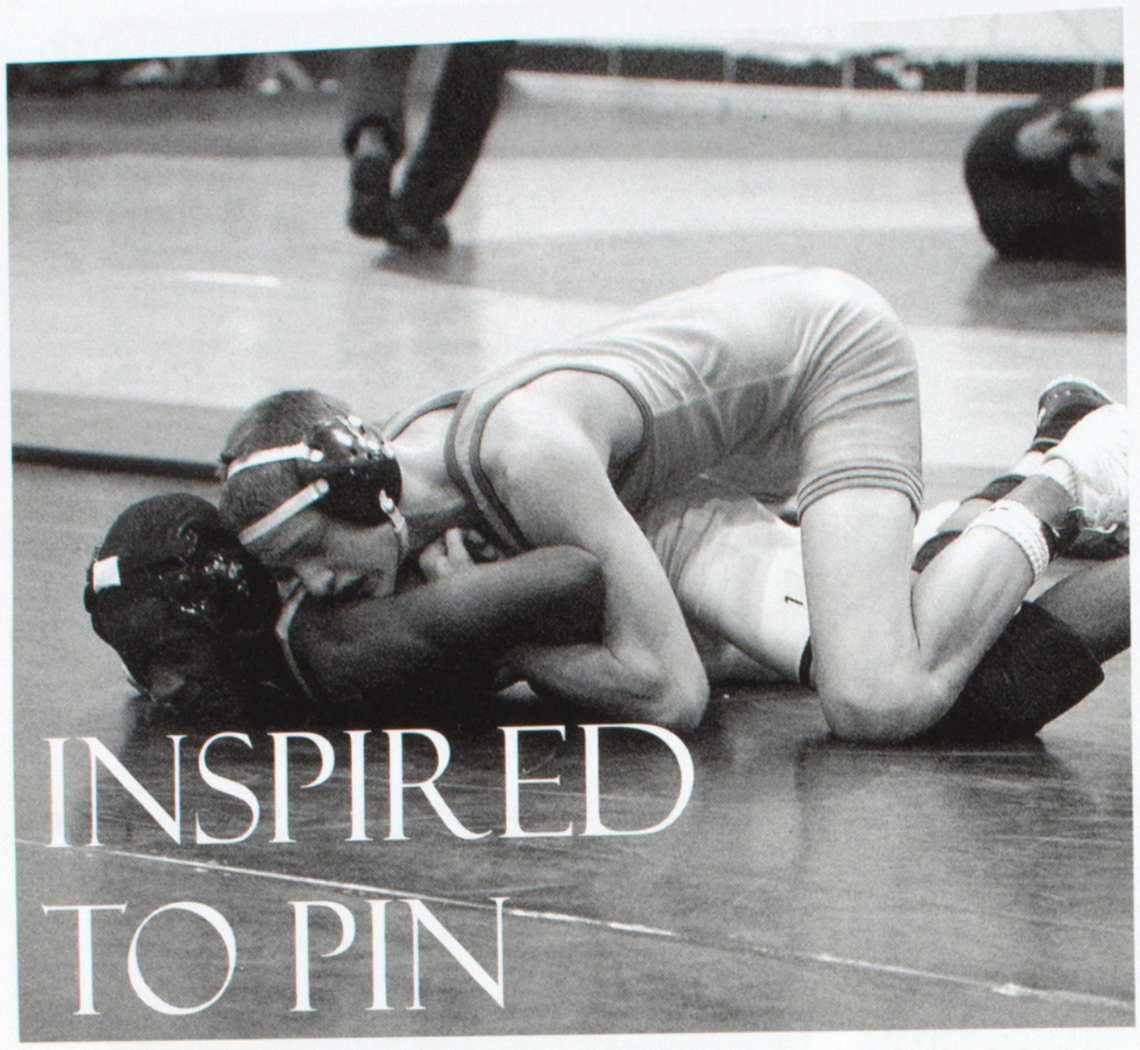
Evans said that Miller added a funny twist to everything he did. "I love watching kids do things that make me laugh," Evans said.

All the proceeds from Mr. U-High went to the Haitian Christian Ministries in honor of former U-High student Troy Hari, who died in 2002.









INSPIRED TO PIN

"My mom is the biggest inspiration in my life. She is the epitome of what I strive to be." - Junior Drew Todino

By Sarah McCullough

As much as high school boys don't want to admit, their moms have a special place in their hearts. For junior Drew Todino, his mom has inspired him to do great things on the wrestling mat throughout his high school career.

"I was in junior high when my brother's friend introduced me to wrestling. At first I hated it, and wasn't fond of wearing a singlet and rolling around with other guys, but my mom talked me into it, and I'm so glad she did," Todino said.

In 1998, Drew's mother Emily Todiono was diagnosed with breast cancer. Since Drew was at the tender age of six, he wasn't really sure what to think about it. She went through remission and was then diagnosed with breast cancer again in 2007 when Drew was just a sophomore.

"My mom is the biggest inspiration in my life. She is the epitome of what I strive to be. Everything about her motivates me; she has fought cancer twice, and has never given up. She knew she had what it took to fight off the disease from the very beginning, and it's that attitude, and almost stubbornness, that I try to match. The courage that it must have taken her to get through what she did, twice, is way too much for me to imagine, and that strength is what I blame my success on," Todino said.

As a freshman at a hefty 103 pounds, Drew wrestled on the junior varsity team, and had his debut at varsity taking three forfeits. As a sophomore he had his share of wins, but did not mature until the summer before his junior year. He took part in many tournaments and team camps that enhanced his skills both mentally and physically.

"I wrestle because I love both the physical and mental aspects of the sport. It's by far the hardest sport, besides cheerleading of course, and a great way to stay in shape. The main reason I wrestle is because it is both an individual and team sport at the same time. While you are on the mat, it is nobody but yourself. The outcome of your match, tournament, season, whatever it is, depends on you alone, and how you prepare in practice." Todino said.

At 112 pounds, Drew fluctuated this year on the state polls, and had an impressive outing at all his tournaments never receiving lower than third place.

"For the most part, I try to ignore stats and rankings. It's a lot easier to just go out and say, this kid's good, I have to be great," Todino said.

Drew's friend and wrestling captain Max Hayden said, "Drew could care less about rankings and all the politics in the sport. He will wrestle the same way whether the kid is a state champ, or a first time wrestler; it's impressive."

Although Drew has followed in his older brother senior Jake Todino's footsteps for practically his whole life, they couldn't be happier for one another. They each knew they had their own specialties, and are still there for one another at every game or meet.

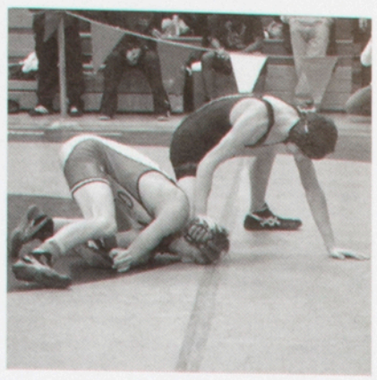
"Drew has always had his heart in wrestling. Mine was in football and this was the first year we haven't been on the same team together. It was a little weird, but now we're more supportive of each other. His swagger on the wrestling mat this year is not comparable to his techniques in years past," Jake said.

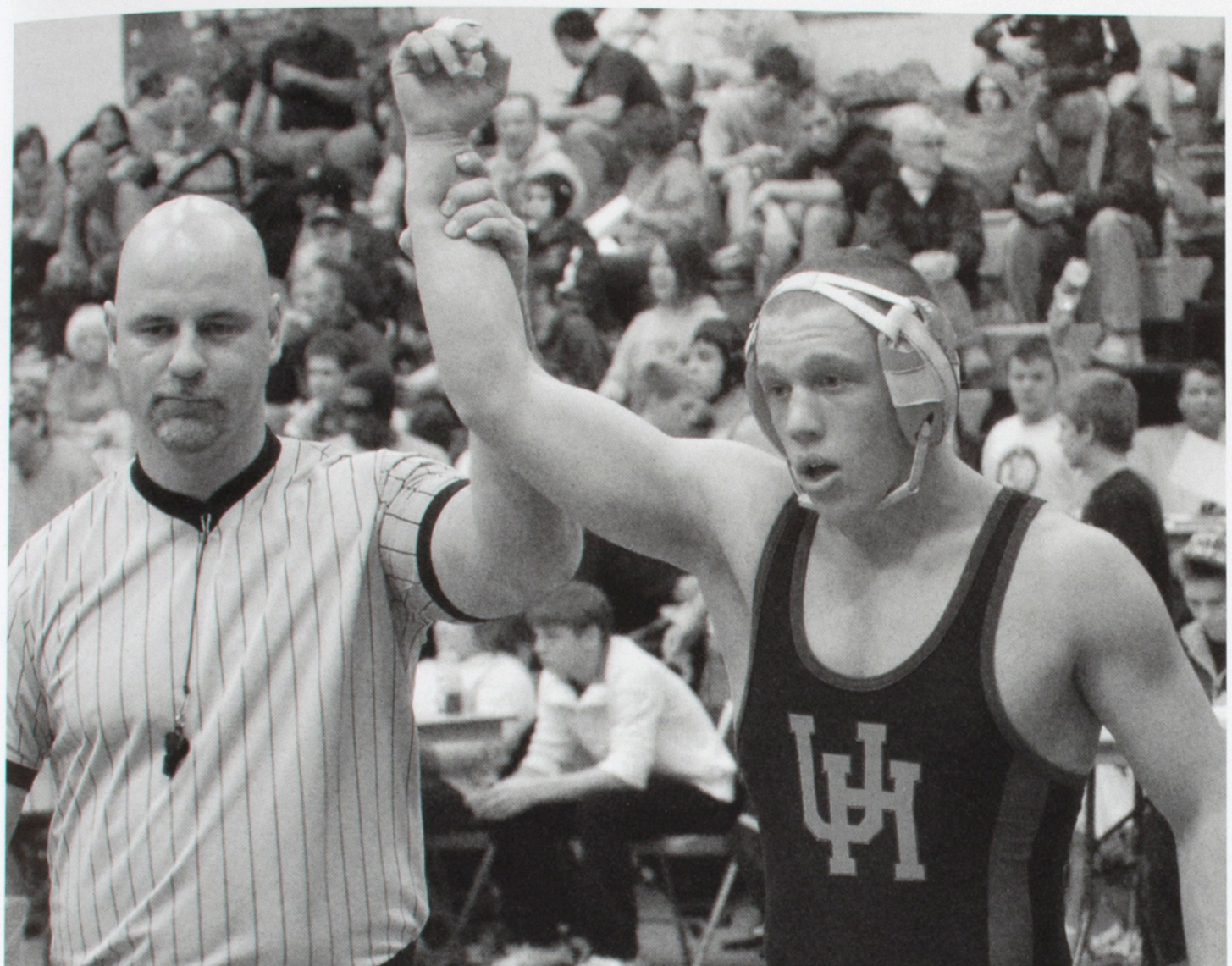
As a leader of the varsity wrestling team, Drew has expounded his heart and soul to the team. He works hard in practice and knows that he would be no where today without the support of his family, especially his mom.

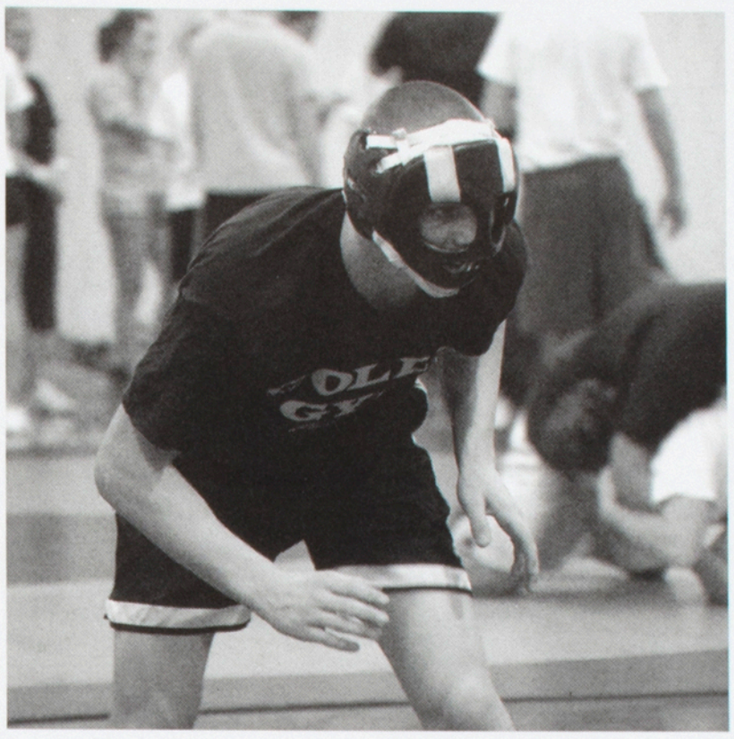
"When I started wrestling, I did it for myself. But after seeing my mom go through what she has, I started wrestling for a different reason- for her," Drew said.

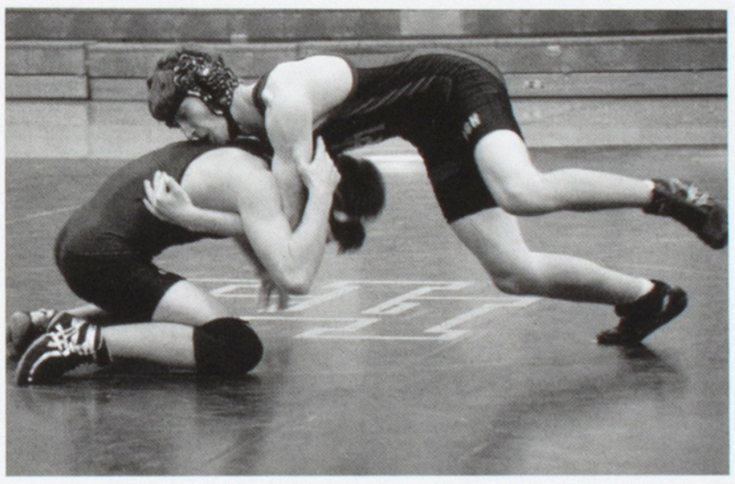




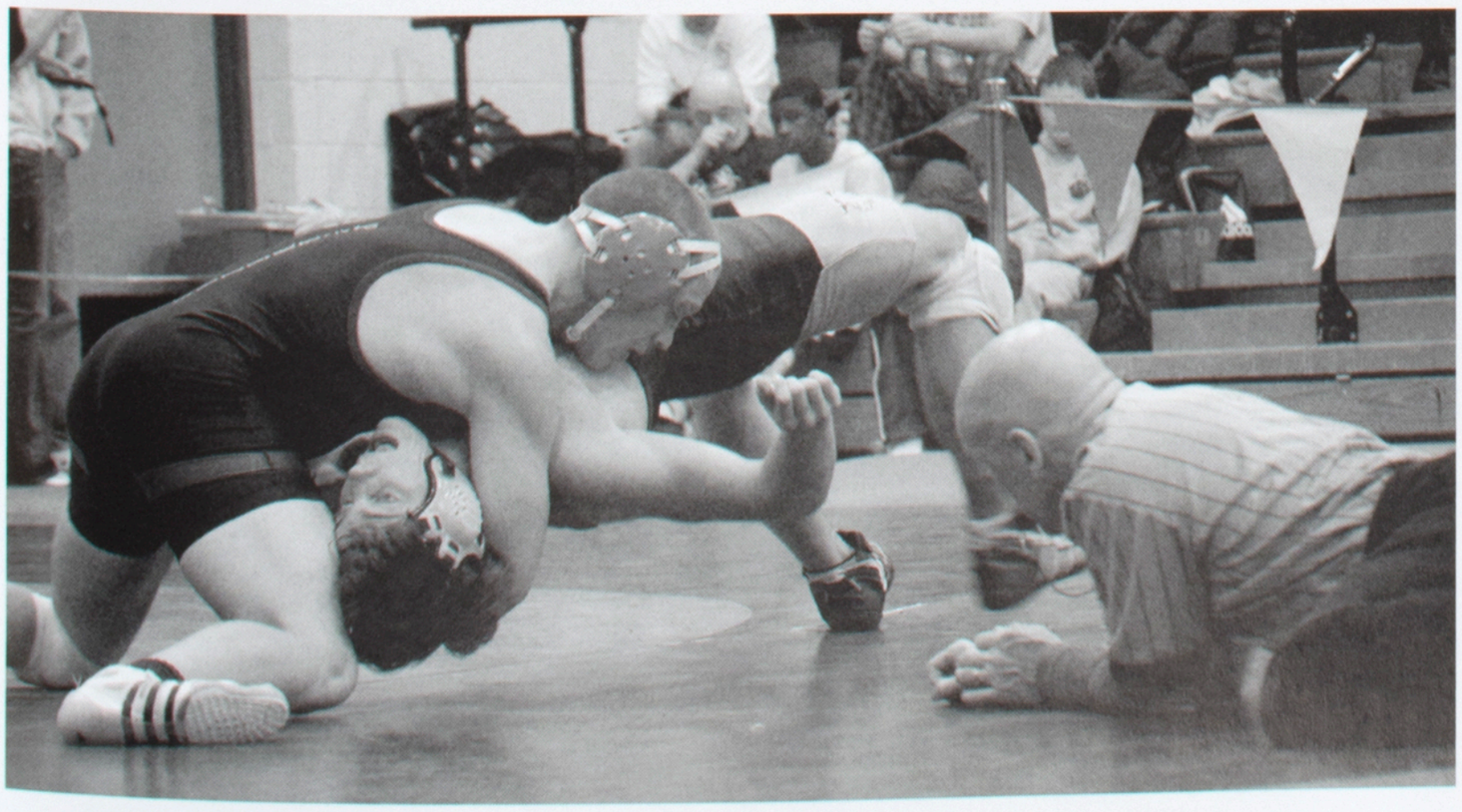










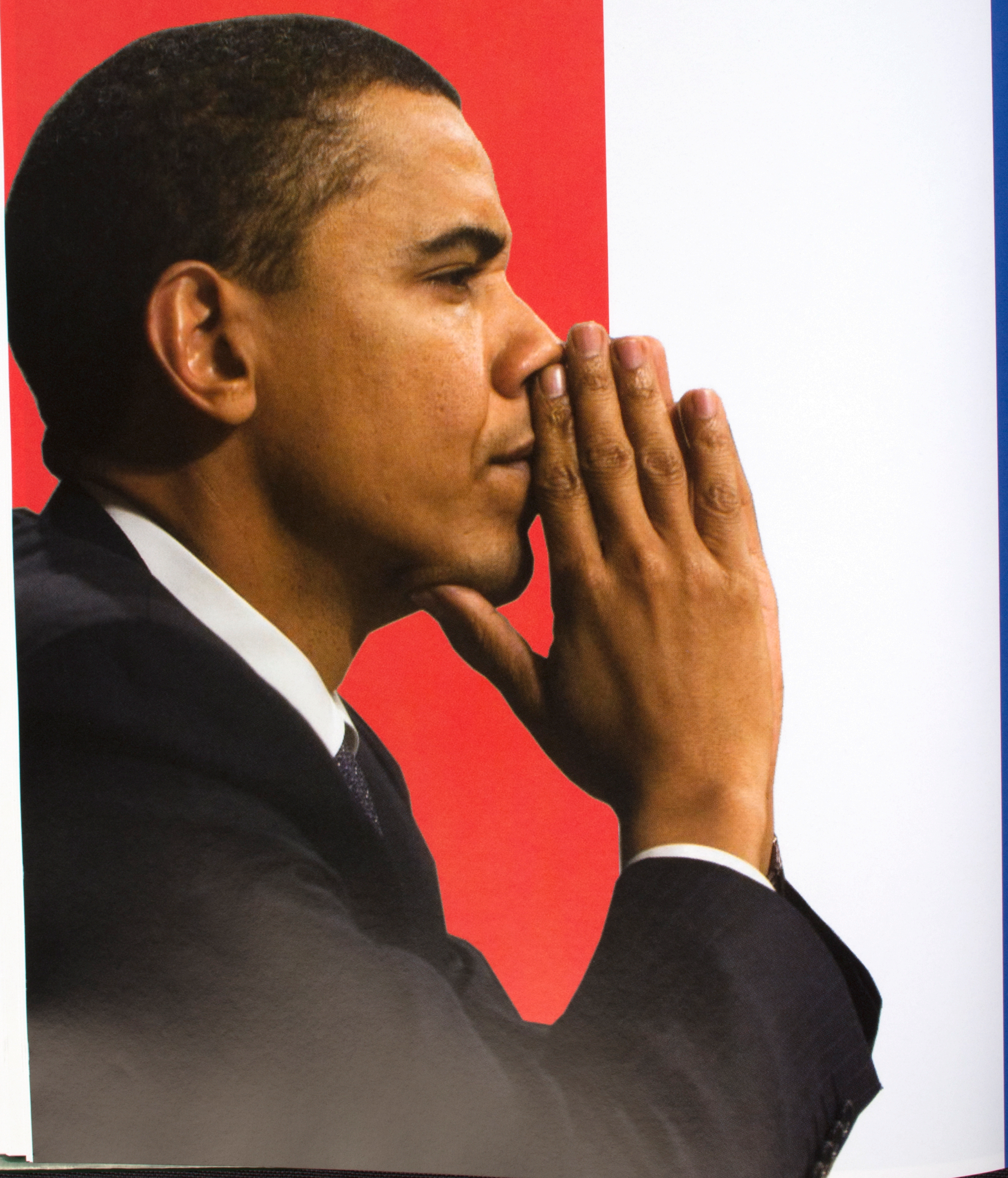


Clockwise:
Senior Max Hayden takes a decision at the U-High Invitational. Photo by: Casie Golliday
Freshman Alex Bee practices using a facemark due to an injury at the Regional tournament. Photo by: Kelsie Celis
Pioneer wrestler fights for a take down. Photo by: Tim Glover
Junior Drew Todino goes for a pin. Photo by: Jack Ross
Senior Max Hayden attempts to pin his opponent.
Photo by: Casie Golliday



Record

OBAMA



Estimates say that on Jan. 20th, 2009, two million people were in Washington D.C. waiting anxiously for Barack H. Obama to be sworn in as the 44th president of the United States of America. These two million people stretched two miles from the actual inauguration in the Capital Building all the way to the Lincoln Memorial.

This record-breaking gathering of people witnessed Obama becoming the first African-American president ever, history was being made and a new chapter of America was being written.

U-High had one student who had the privilege of being in Washington D.C. during the inauguration. Because freshman Haley Tipsord attended a leadership conference in seventh grade, she had the chance to go Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference and see Obama take the oath.

"It was complete controlled chaos. Despite the cold, millions of people came to see history." Tipsord said.

Tipsord said that that she will never forget this day because of the life-changing things she witnessed and the people that she met.

"The emotion out in the mall was overwhelming and I was standing in the middle of it all," she described. "As Obama took his oath into office and he began his speech, I looked all around me at people's faces, and every face I saw had a giant smile and was shedding tears."

Along with Tipsord, recent 2008 U-High graduate Xixi Tian was also a part of the historical event, standing in front of the Washington Monument.

"I was so excited when I found out that U of I students had an opportunity to go that my roommate and I pretty much danced around our room freaking out for ten minutes," Tian said.

Tian said describing what it was like in the capitol that day is almost impossible.

"The main thing that I loved was the vibe. Everybody was just so excited to be there. I didn't find out until later that there was an estimated two million people, but it was great to see such a huge crowd there all for the same reason. It was fantastic. It was an absolute dream come true." she said.

She added that the most remarkable thing about that day was everyone trying to get as close as they could to the president-to-be.

"There were celebrities singing at the Lincoln Memorial on the jumbotron screen, and there was scattered applause. But once in a while, there would be like a five second shot of Obama sitting and watching or smiling, and the crowd would go ballistic, cheering and screaming." Tian said.

At U-High, many teachers showed a live feed of the inauguration during class.

"It was nice to watch the inauguration during class. Inaugurations don't happen every day, so I'm really glad the teachers showed this historic event," Senior Josh Phelan said about his Spanish IV class.

In addition to watching the inauguration, many teachers chose to utilize this epic historical event as a teaching tool to make abstract subjects applicable.

According to the results of Dr. Carol Benson's AP Statistics class, the students of U-High voted Obama-Biden over McCain-Palin 62.1% to 37.9% with 71.7% of the students picking the economy as the most important issue among five other current issues. These issues were the war in Iraq, health care, foreign policy, domestic affairs, and unemployment.

Although senior Brittany Evans wasn't old enough to vote this year, she was still one of the school's biggest Obama fans.

During the inauguration, Evans says she almost cried.

"He made it feel like he was not the only one making history, but every American was a part of it as well. His speech was so eloquent and beautiful. It was empowering" she said.

On the other side of the political spectrum, senior Anneke Schweers tagged the back of her car with multiple McCain-Palin 2008 stickers.

"I do not agree with Obama's policies, particularly concerning the economy, the war on terror, abortion, gun control, illegal immigration, drilling, social security, and healthcare. Big government with greater power is not what we need, "Schweers said.

While people have widely ranging opinions on President Obama, one thing is for certain; the next four years will be full of change and students are filled with the anticipation of what this man will do to our nation. By: Sebastian Grobe

Stroud Remembered

By Leigh Huff

Since 1967 Stroud has stood largely unchanged, but now, she has a facelift in sight--and what a facelift it is.

With an estimated $2.5 million in the renovation from ISU facilities and private donors, Stroud is expected to have a complete re-do of the upper ceiling (known as the Coves) , total removal of all asbestos, and installation of new carpets and seats. Stroud will not be able to be used for approximately a year, assistant principal Steve Wilder said.

Though Stroud is old, and perhaps decrepit it has been a haven of memories and U-High traditions such as class night, grand march, Mr. U-High, music concerts, plays and musicals.

"Losing Stroud is going to drastically effect the life here at U-High... I jokingly say 'the gym is going to be busy.'... Finding an area is a concern. With the renovations in Strator, and the Bone, I'm just not sure where everything is going to go," Theater Director SusanThetard said.

Many people that attended U-High long before the renovations remember Stroud fondly, but are anticipating the changes.

"Stroud has been around since my day, we had class night and the usual events in there. I am glad it's getting re-done, it falls apart more by the day," U-High Alum and social science teacher Robert Fitzgerald said.

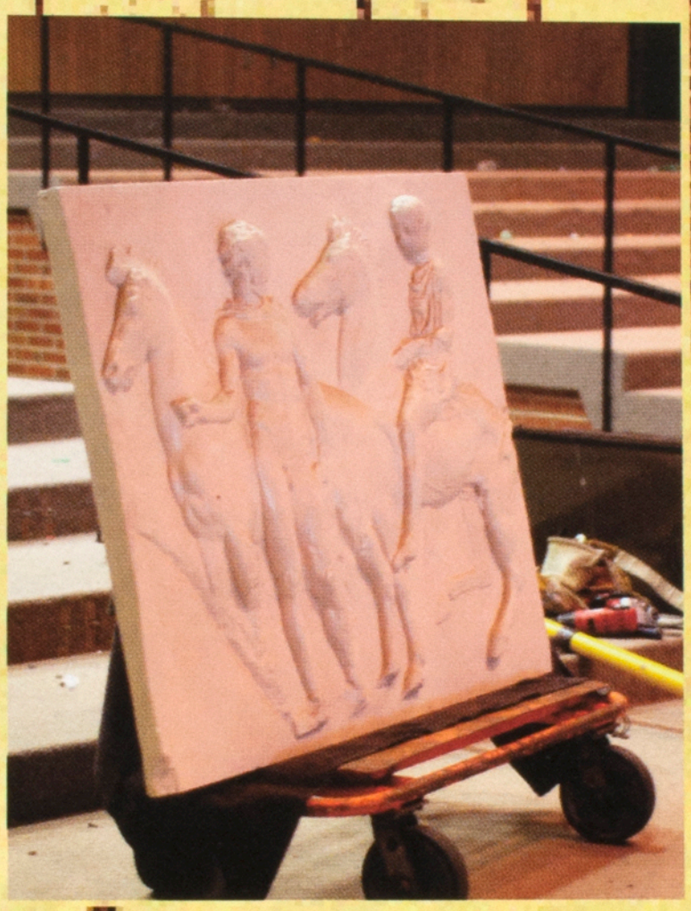
The current lighting system, in place since 1970, is on its last leg, and that leg is failing fast. The new system is a major concern, and a hope of Theater director Susan Thetard to be completely changed.

"The new lighting system isn't in the budget, but is badly needed. The usual cost for projects such as Stroud at other schools was around $6 million- we only have $2.5million," Tech Director Terry Dawson said.

One should give credit to those in charge of the project. Originally, Stroud was scheduled for renovation in 2000, but the budget cuts from Governor Blagojevich prevented it. The re-roofing of the building was scheduled simultaneously to help the budget the project.

"Dr. Dean has done a wonderful job working with the limited budget and being creative to stretch the money we have. He coordinated it with the new roof so that would not have to come from the Stroud budget," Thetard said.







Clockwise: Chairs before Stroud renovation. Photo by: Leigh Huff

Reproductions of Elgin Marbles taken off the wall for safe-keeping during renovation. Photo by: Matt Shrier

Ceiling tiles in Stroud. Photo by: Leigh Huff

Chairs in piles in Stroud. Photo by: Matt Shrier













DIVERSITY

U-High's 2008-2009 student population consists of 620 students. These 620 students are made up of 55 African Americans, 2 American Indians, 39 Asian/Pacific Islanders, 16 Hispanics, 18 other multiracial and 490 Caucasians.

These numbers prove that U-High has representatives from each minority group in its student body, but does that automatically make U-High a "diverse" school? Four U-High students and one foreign exchange student share their views on the matter.

"I think U-High is pretty diverse because there are many people from different countries and backgrounds. We also have a decent amount of foreign exchange students," sophomore Faiza Afsar Ali said. "Every day at school I see many groups of friends that are very diverse, and every kid has just as much opportunity as the next," she adds.

Although Ali is friends with many different people at school, she stays true to her roots at home. Ali's family moved to the US in 1998 from a city called Chennai in the southern part of India.

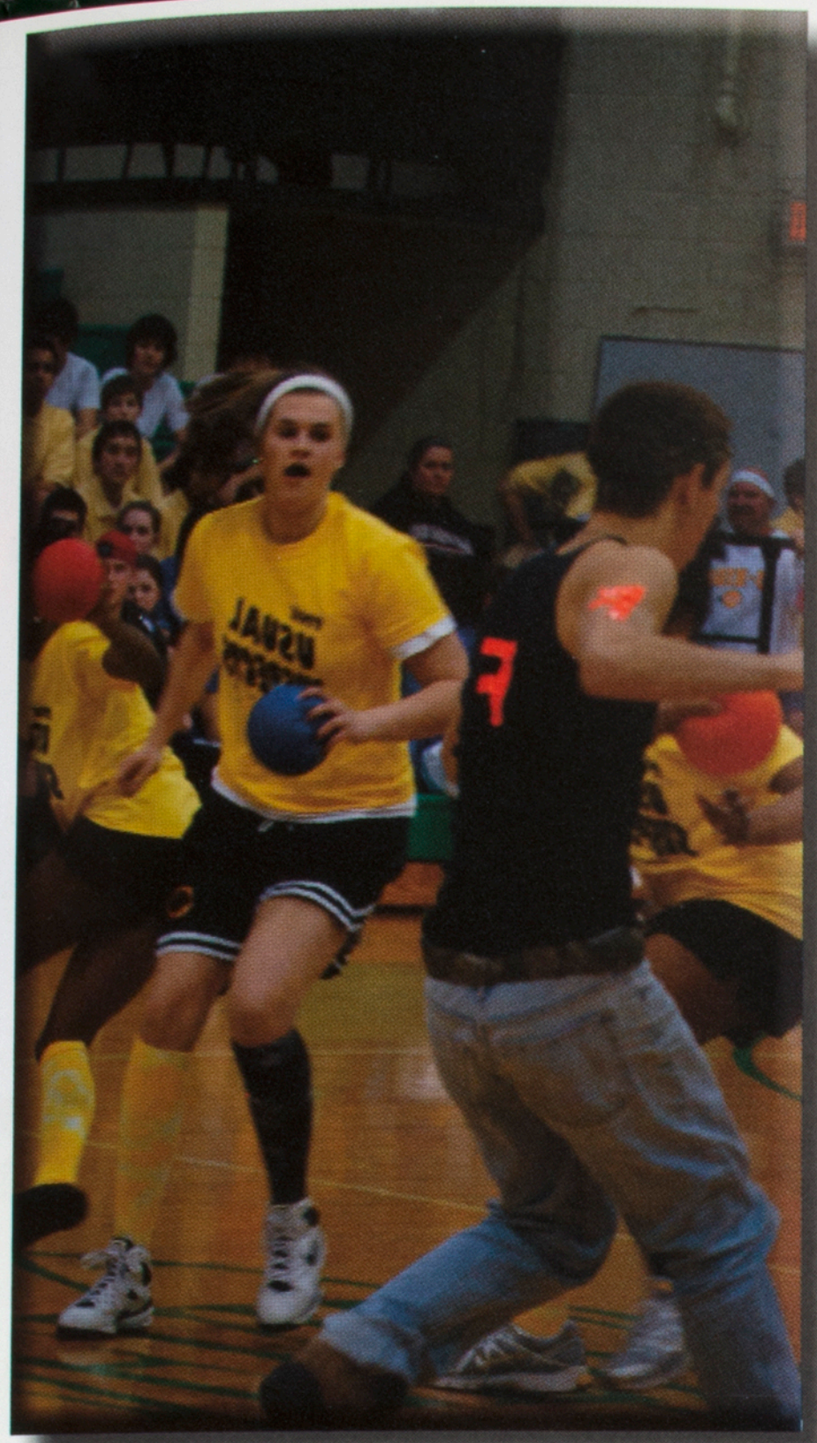
Although Ali's family has lived here for 10 years, at home they still speak Urdu, which is a language close to Hindi and celebrate holidays like Eid and Ramadan.

Junior Wivine Ngongo has had only good experiences from the level of diversity at U-High.

"I think there are racial barriers, but they're not necessarily bad barriers. I mean, you'll notice that people, especially minorities, tend to hang out with people of their same race. This isn't because they think their race is better than the other, it's just that people tend to have more in common with people who look like, and come from the same place as them," she said.

Like Ali, Ngongo also has a very mixed group of friends at U-High, but is part of an African community outside of school.

"Surprisingly, there is decent sized group of people from Democratic Republic of Congo – which is where my family and I come from – in Bloomington. At home my parents still speak their native language of Lingala, and a little French as well," she said.





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Discrimination is not supposed to be an issue in schools, but unfortunately it is still occurring in modern day schools.

"I feel like Africans are often stereotyped as less intelligent people, which is anything but true. I have a 4.0 GPA and aspire to study medicine at the University of Chicago," she said.

Sophomore Alejandro Montes de Oca takes an opposing view on the diversity factor.

"I don't think there are enough Hispanics. My friends at school are mostly white which is fine, but it would be nice if there was a bigger group of Hispanics here," he said.

Regardless of the smaller Hispanic community at U-High, Montes de Oca stays in touch with his culture by occasionally speaking Spanish and celebrating Mexican holidays like The Days of the Dead, and Mexican Independence Day.

Like Ali and Ngongo, senior Christine Do believes that minorities are well-represented at U-High.

"There is a pretty big group of Asians here, which is nice. I also am part of a large Vietnamese community outside of school", she said.

Do adds that she has never experienced any discrimination at school or even outside of school.

"At U-High I don't think it matters what you look like. For the most part, everyone is okay with each other," she said.

Senior Charlotte Roberti is a special case in that she is a foreign exchange student from Belgium. Despite the fact that she has only been a student at U-High for less than one year, she had plenty to say on the topic of diversity.

"I think there is a lot of diversity at U-High. It's so cool to meet people of all different nationalities. I've learned a lot in school just from that aspect alone," she said.
Roberti says that she has not experienced any adversity at U-High as of yet.

"All the students at U-High have been very nice to me. I haven't experienced any problems so far," she said.

By: Leah Lancaster

STATS



Name: Amy Reiman
Subject(s) taught: Freshman English & Journalism
Bio: Amy Reiman was in the army for six years before becoming a teacher at U-High. "I was ready to see a little bit of the world and I needed money while I did that. The Army seemed exciting," Reiman said. After traveling from South Carolina to Texas and then to California, she was finally based in Fort Mead, Maryland. Reiman said the Army has made her operate in a more organized fashion and has taught her how to interact with people while also having a positive influence on her as a person.
Interesting fact: While in the army, Reiman was a physical fitness trainer in her unit and also worked as a Spanish linguist.



Name: Katie Pole
Subject(s) taught: Freshman Social Science
Bio: Before Katie Pole was a teacher she was a historical interpreter. Acting as a laundress for Lt. Custer at his former home, Pole wore a prairie dress and gave tours. Pole said she loved her job and could jump right back into tour mode. "I'm kind of a dork. I have no problem making a fool of myself," Pole said.
Interesting fact: The prairie dress she had to wear for her character occasionally caught on fire from the dutch oven she cooked over. One intense catch made a big hole and forced her to retire the outfit.



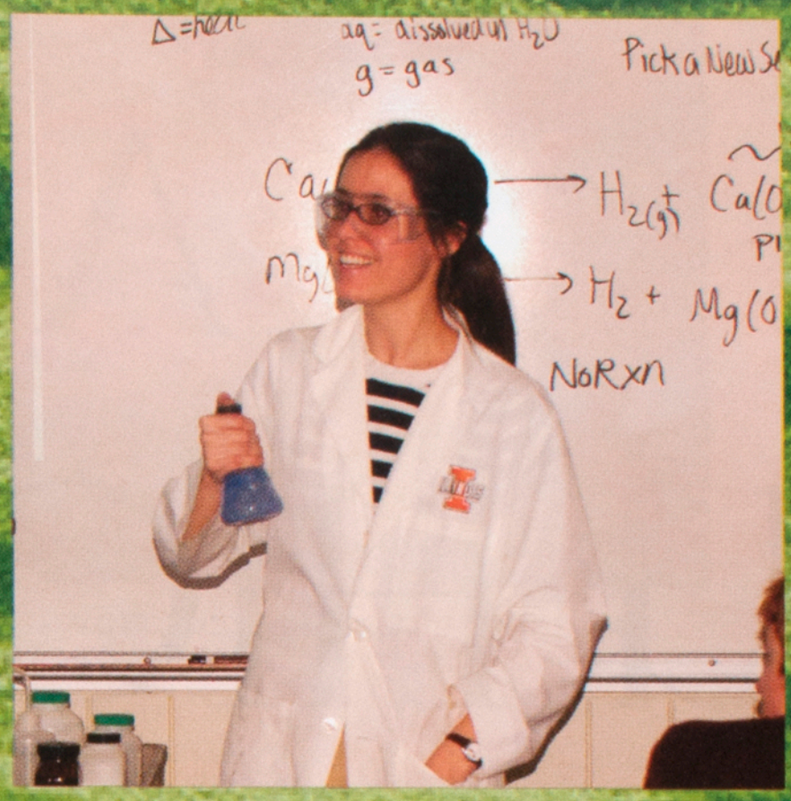
Name: Laura Erickson
Subject(s) taught: Foreign Language
Bio: Before teaching at U-High, Laura Erickson was a Young Life Leader. During her teen years, she got involved with the Christian youth organization. "I started going on campus and figured why not get paid?" Erickson said. She said this outreach ministry had weekly club meetings where they would play games and have a talk with a designated theme revolving around a Christian idea.
Interesting fact: Part of Erickson's experience making high schoolers feel important is by assuring them that the things they do are important. She continues doing this today by attending her students' volleyball and footballs games. She wants them to know that she could be doing other things on her Friday nights, but they matter to her so much that she is there to support them in and outside the classroom.

ROOKIE

2008

STATS

Name: Stephanie Persson
Subject(s) taught: Chemistry
Bio: Stephanie Persson was a Nanny before teaching chemistry and spent her summers with two children (a girl and a boy). "The biggest challenge I faced was the super drama of the girl. She never wanted to do anything because she was so bored of doing the same thing. 'I've already gone on a bike ride, I've already called that friend' she'd always say," said Persson. Although she said she enjoyed the children she discovered she would rather teach older students.
Interesting fact: The mother of these children was involved with chemistry and greatly influenced Persson's decision to teach it.



Name: Karen Travis
Subject(s) taught: Biology & Chemistry
Bio: Before Karen Travis was a teacher she was a juvenile probation officer. In college she mastered in bio-psych., but she said she did not want to be locked up in the lab all day so she used the psychology part of her master to get this job. She was in a special program with another officer dealing with kids who had behavioral issues. "I would make sure they got to their drug testing if they needed it, made sure they were going to school, made sure they were home in time for curfew," Travis said. "Whatever they needed, I was the one."
Interesting fact: Through tutoring kids she discovered her love for teaching and used the biology part of her masters to become a biology teacher here at U-High.



Name: Jeff Wollenweber
Subject(s) taught: Freshman Wellness and Driver's Ed
Bio: Jeff Wollenweber was an all American sports addict before settling down into a real job. "In high school I played all year round; fall meant football, winter was basketball, and spring was baseball," said Wollenweber. He said he was always an average player in high school. His hometown, Carrollton, Illinois, was a small town where everyone got to play.
Interesting Fact: Although Wollenweber was so involved with sports he will not force it upon his own two children, but rather support their interests.



ROSTER

2009

ECONOMY AFFECTS U-HIGH FAMILIES





U-High students enjoy Homecoming dinner at Todino's



Junior Drew Todino works at his family's restaurant

By: Marc Hitchen

The Dow Jones falling 4000 points since August 2008 has sent the country into a downfall. Investors losing billions of dollars, houses being foreclosed around the United States, and huge corporations filing for bankruptcy, all of this has caused Congress to come up with stimulus and bailout plans. Unfortunately, these only benefit large-scale companies.

Local restaurant Todino's Pizza felt the crushing blow of the poor economy; closed on Dec. 31, 2008 after 5 years of service to Bloomington-Normal; owned by one of U-High's very own, the Todino family.

Senior Jake Todino and junior Drew Todino worked at the restaurant located at 4109 E Oakland Ave in Bloomington. The closing not only affected them but others that worked there in the summer.

"Many of the employees were just part time high school and college students," Jake said.

His mother Emily Todino agreed and added, "However even though they were only part time they still were very dependent on the job," Emily said.

To offset the financial loss of the closing, the rest of the Todino family has full time jobs at State Farm and in Pontiac.

"For us it was just really a side job," Jake said.

The restaurant was dependent upon on development of the area and when the economy slowed, things went south, Jake said.

The Todino family decided that a quiet closing would be best because of the holidays. Due to this, there were no specials to try to boost sales. As of now, the restaurant sits empty and closed. The Todino family was unable to sell the spot or any of the equipment.

"We really hope to sell it to another business owner so they could open up a restaurant there," Jake said.

Emily hopes the empty space will bring success someone else's way.

"The restaurant getting sold would really help us out economically but also we are selling it as a turnkey for another business owner," Emily said.

To help sell the restaurant the family conducted renovation in 2006. A bar was put in along with revamping the main dining room, added more equipment to the kitchen, added five more TV's, a large walk-in beverage cooler, a new buffet area, a waitress station, and wall partitions.

The renovations did help the restaurant flourish.

Social Science teacher, Andy Davis said that stores and restaurants have many options to help save themselves such as reducing staff, making a product for a lower price or advertising more.

Davis believes that the small/local conglomerates are being taken over by big chains like Wal-Mart.

"Even though those places are taking over business, I still think that family businesses are good because they are run by people of the community, and they really understand what other locals need," Davis said. "They really have an invested interest in the happiness of others and they have a great local benefit."

Todino's pizza will be missed for everything that they offered to the Bloomington/Normal area.

"I think we will be remembered for customers being able to watch the "floor show" when you came in the front door – our kitchen is open to the front counter so you could stand up there and see how everything is done – you could watch your pizza being made from start to finish," Emily said. "There's always a chance for us to open it back up!"

SENIOR



SUPERLATIVES

Most dateable: Jake Todino
Most likely to become President: Nat Murphy
Most likely to be the First Lady: Anna DeGraaf
Most likely to the next American Idol: Casie Golliday
Most likely to be a woman's rights activist: Lillie Cicerchia
Most likely to be on the Real World: Deonte VanHook
Most likely to travel the world: Allison Vaughn
Most likely to move to Hollywood: Keith Graden
Most likely to be mayor of Normal: Maggie Irvin & Marc Hitchen
Most likely to have the perfect family: Ky Bailey
Most likely to live in a van by the river: Collin Kraft
Most likely to be a starving artist: Matt Shrier
Most likely to get married: Kay Schutte & Sebastian Grobe
Best school spirit: Amanda Blair
Most changed: Cody Schultz
The "blonde": Lindsay Schroeder
Teacher's pet: Sara McCullough
Miss Congeniality: Katie Zimmerman
Biggest motorhead: Jared Cook
Most dependable: Wen Yang
Friendliest: Hannah Corely
Best-all-around: Charlotte Roberti
Best looking: Cassie Anderson
Class flirt: Alex Scharf
Class clown: Vince Kroll
Wittiest: Gerrit Hatcher
Most intellectual: Maria Helgeson & Alexander Zaitzeff
Blushes most: Brent Miller & Kyle English
Cutest couple: Dillon Sloneker and Kelly Harrell
Talks the least, says the most: Sean Comerford
Best dressed: Rich Shepherd & Anna Lenart
Best hair: Blair Smith & Allie Maher
Best eyes: Ryan Woodall & Brittany Shoemaker
Best legs: Josiah Husk & Kirk Saunders & Jordan Bond
Best laugh: Ryan Lehner & Ellyn Polley
Best smile: Blake Walker & Melanie Matlock
Best personality: Stefan Brooks & Annie Nord
Best athlete: Will Brucker & Taira Neal & Kristin Judson



Kieran Pereira
Most likely to become famous



Cassandra Le
Most likely to succeed



Jack Capodice
Most likely to become a millionaire

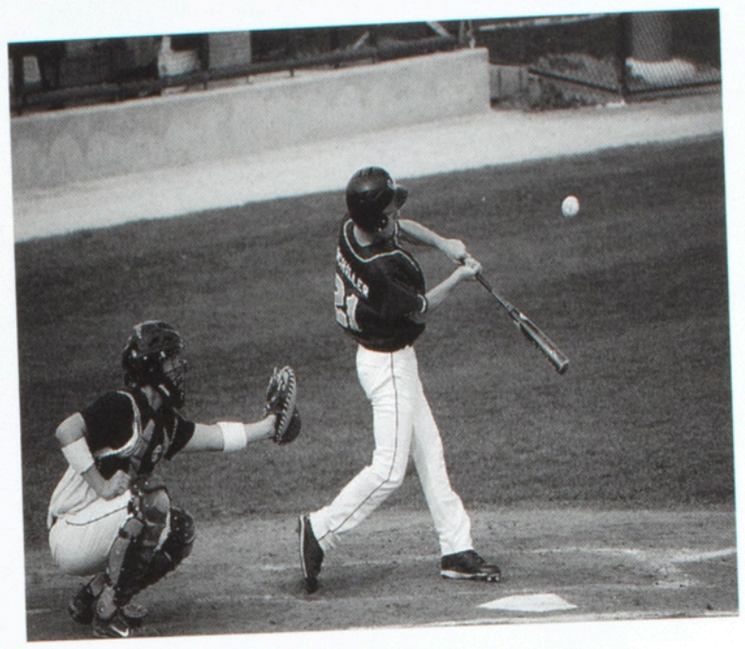


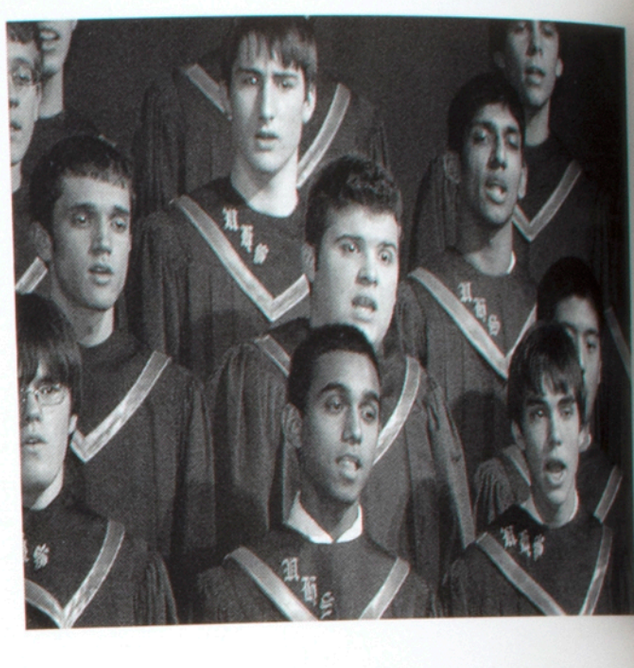
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Most likely to win the Nobel Peace Prize



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Most likely to be on Broadway


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PAUSE

SPRING







TRACK

"I never thought in a million years I'd be doing track."-Jordan Bond

By Sara McCullough

Growing up, senior Jordan Bond was a diehard volleyball player who had potential to go to a great college to play. Her plans changed when her mom begged her to do track her sophomore year. She reluctantly agreed and has since then been happy with her decision that has changed her future.

"At first, I thought running in a circle was one of the craziest ideas of a sport but once you practice for it and actually run it, you re-think that whole idea," Bond said.

Bond will be attending Missouri State University next year on a full ride scholarship for jumping events in track and field. "I never thought in a million years that I'd be doing track, let alone going to college for jumping events," Bond said.

Jordan proved herself to be one of the top jumpers in the state, placing 5th at the state track meet and claiming many titles throughout the track season at U-High.

"Even though I still played volleyball at U-High my heart was in track. It all came down to which one I enjoyed more. It was also a stress reliever to do track, because in volleyball if you mess up a pass, you mess it up for the whole team. But in track, if I don't jump well, I only mess it up for myself, instead of bringing everyone else down with me," Bond said.

She attributed her successes to many of the wonderful coaches that U-High has in the track program, but especially Karonji Carr who started her in the triple jump and high jump, the two events she is on scholarship for.

"If it wasn't for Coach Carr, I would have never found my hidden talent, and I'm so thankful I did because look at where it got me now,"



Clockwise: Senior Jordan Bond competes in the long jump. Senior Vince Kroll throws the shotput. Senior Nick Geyer hands off the baton. Senior Jake Todino runs during a track meet. Junior Alexis Namoff passes the baton to fellow junior Olivia Castillo. Sophomore Emily Clay pole vaults. Photos by Ky Bailey



Bond said.

Bond also participated in many camps over the summer and had three coaches she worked with to improve her technique for her last track season at U-High.

"It was nice because my coach at Missouri State just told me to really enjoy my senior year and not stress about my performance in the jumping events, although it was still important to do well," Bond said.

When looking at colleges to attend in the fall she said, "It really depends on the distance from home, the attitude of the track team, the coaches' prospective of the sport, and the campus size."

Bond joked and said that, "I love Missouri State because it's pretty much a straight line. You don't have to cross any streets, so hopefully it won't be hard to find my classes!"

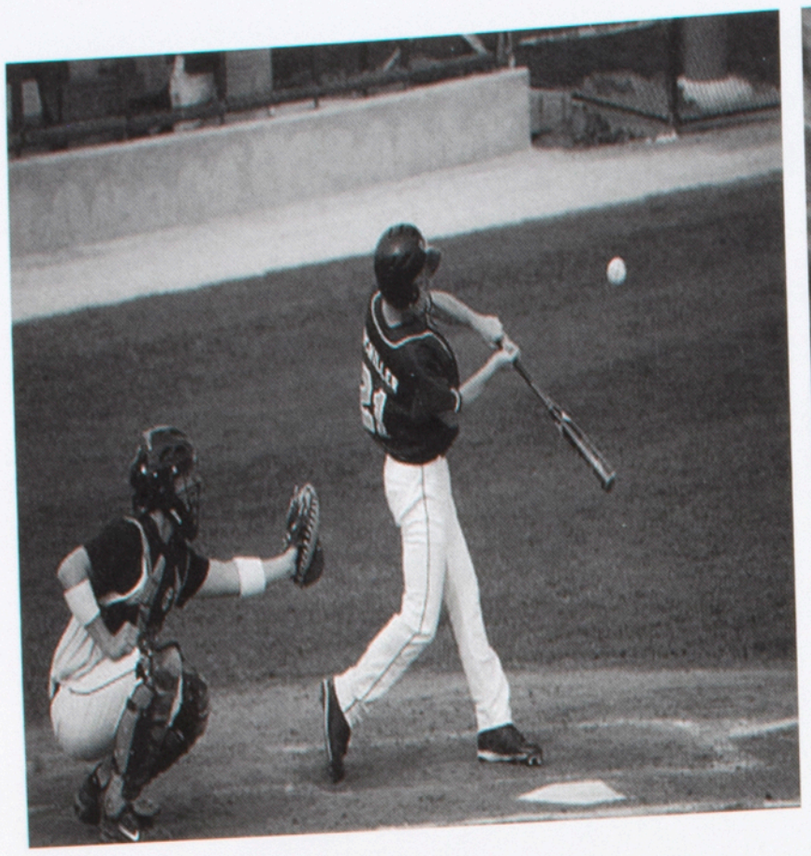
Not only is Bond excited about her future in track, but her parents Ron and Cheryl are as well.

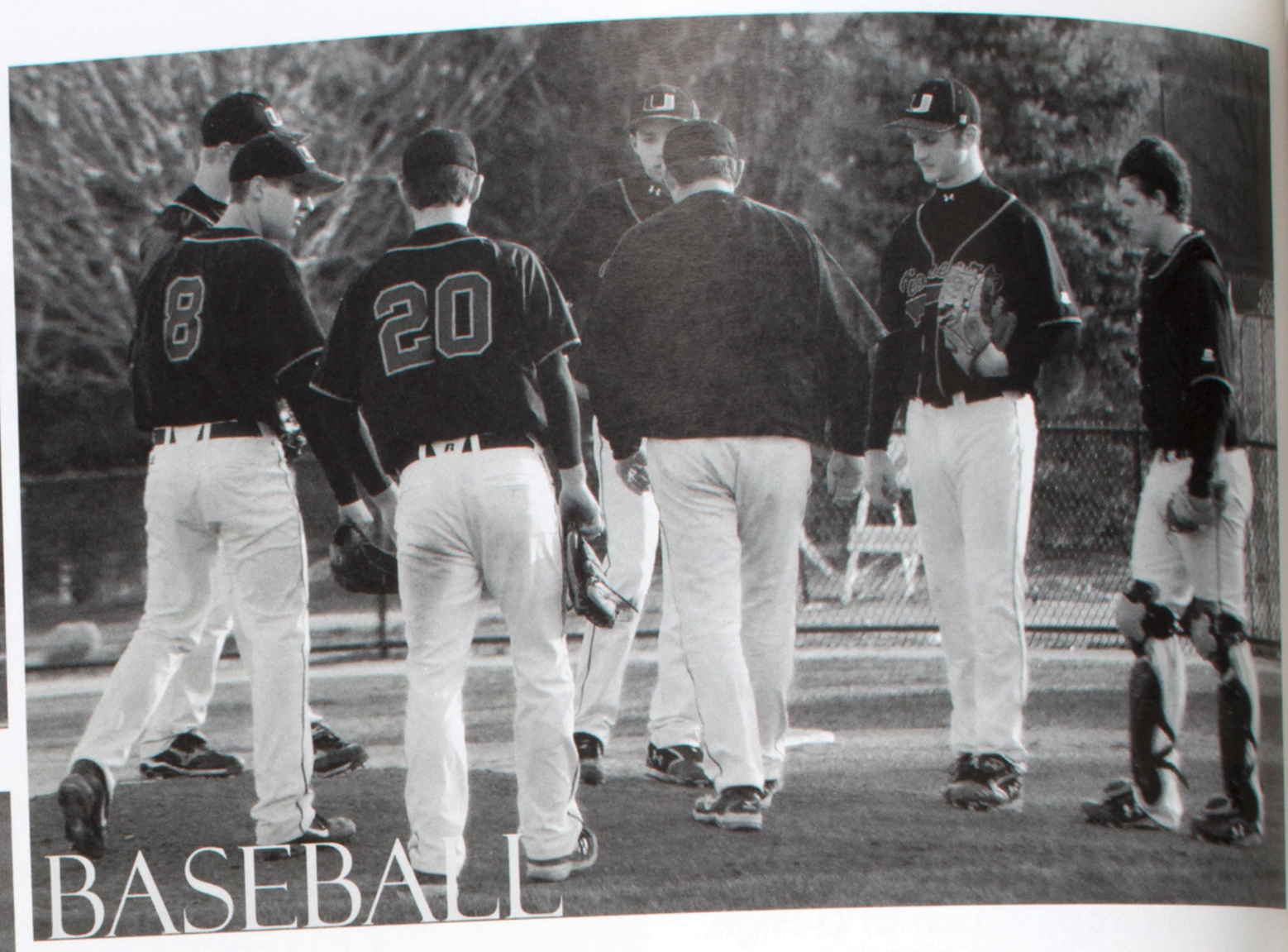
"We were fine with Jordan's choice of track over volleyball. Although there are times when we are at an all day track meet in the hot sun that we think differently," joked Cheryl

"I think we have the same fears as does any family sending their child off to college. We are very glad Jordan is an athlete because she will need to maintain a certain grade point average. The athletes are also busy all year around which helps them with organizational skills," Jordan's parents said.

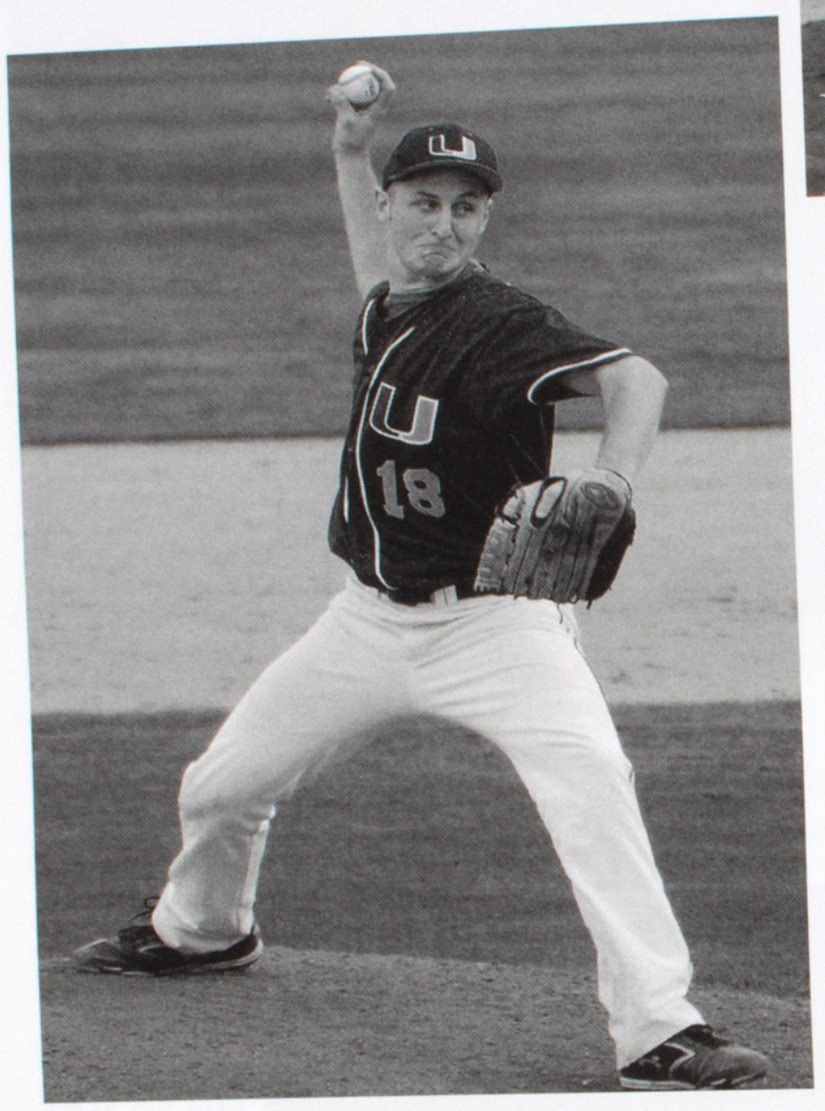
"I just feel so blessed to have such a supportive family to help me along the way," Jordan said.







BASEBALL



Clockwise: The team gathers on the mound for a pep talk. Freshman Jared Hendren leaps for the ball at second base. Junior Kyle Gallagher throws the ball in while Connor Brown backs him up. Senior Ryan Ehredt winds up for the pitch. Senior Nick Kauffman pitches the ball. Freshman Tommy Schiller hits the ball. Photos by Ky Bailey

"When the lights are beaming down on the pitching mound and the sky is dark it really feels like you're playing in the MLB."
-Dustin Stuart

By Sara McCullough

A coach's worst nightmare is knowing that 10 starters on his team are graduating, leaving only three juniors to lead the team the following year. Although this may be the case for most, baseball coach Greg Bee knew that in his three seniors one would step up to the plate. Little did he know that senior Ryan Ehredt, a tall, fiery, red headed pitcher would be the one to do so.

"Ryan has been a key player for us this year, and has shown that he cares about what is going on. He has worked really hard and it definitely helps our underclassman understand the work and amount of time and effort involved in playing baseball at the varsity level," Bee said.

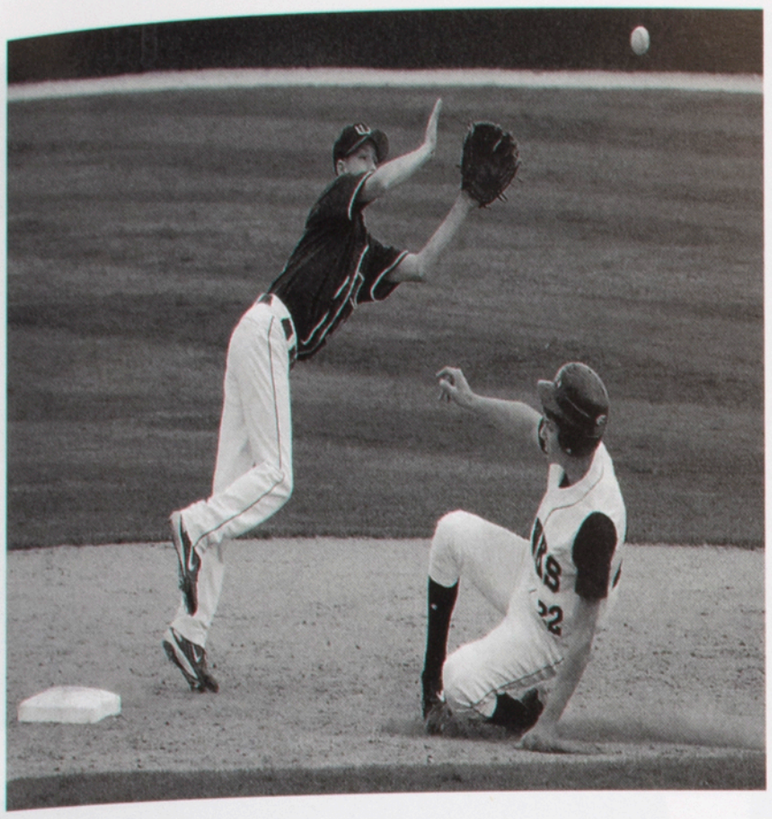
Junior Connor Brown also attracted attention from Bee since the beginning of the season.

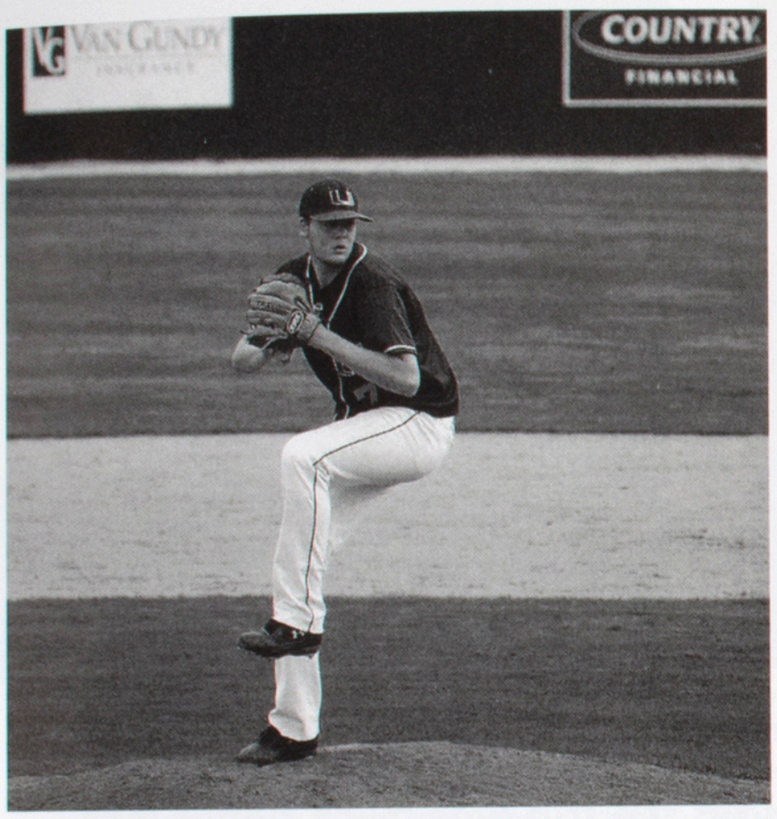
"Connor has been a great leader as well for this season. He always has good attitude and strong work ethic. He is a player that the underclassmen will look up to over the next couple of years," Bee said.

The athletically talented freshman class contributed to the team with a hefty amount of players. The Hendren brothers as well as catcher Alex Bee were just some of the standouts on the varsity team. Alex, a three time letterwinner as a freshman had a big role to fill after Division I player Joe Waropay graduated.

"At first I was so nervous about having to play the same position that Joe played the last four years. He was great at what he did, but there is a lot of potential in our freshman class and that will help out the program. It helps that I've learned so much from my dad throughout the years, it's also really nice having some upperclassmen to look up to and help you through rough spots," Alex said.

Although the team hasn't had the best season in the history of U-High baseball, the upcoming years will be some for the record books.







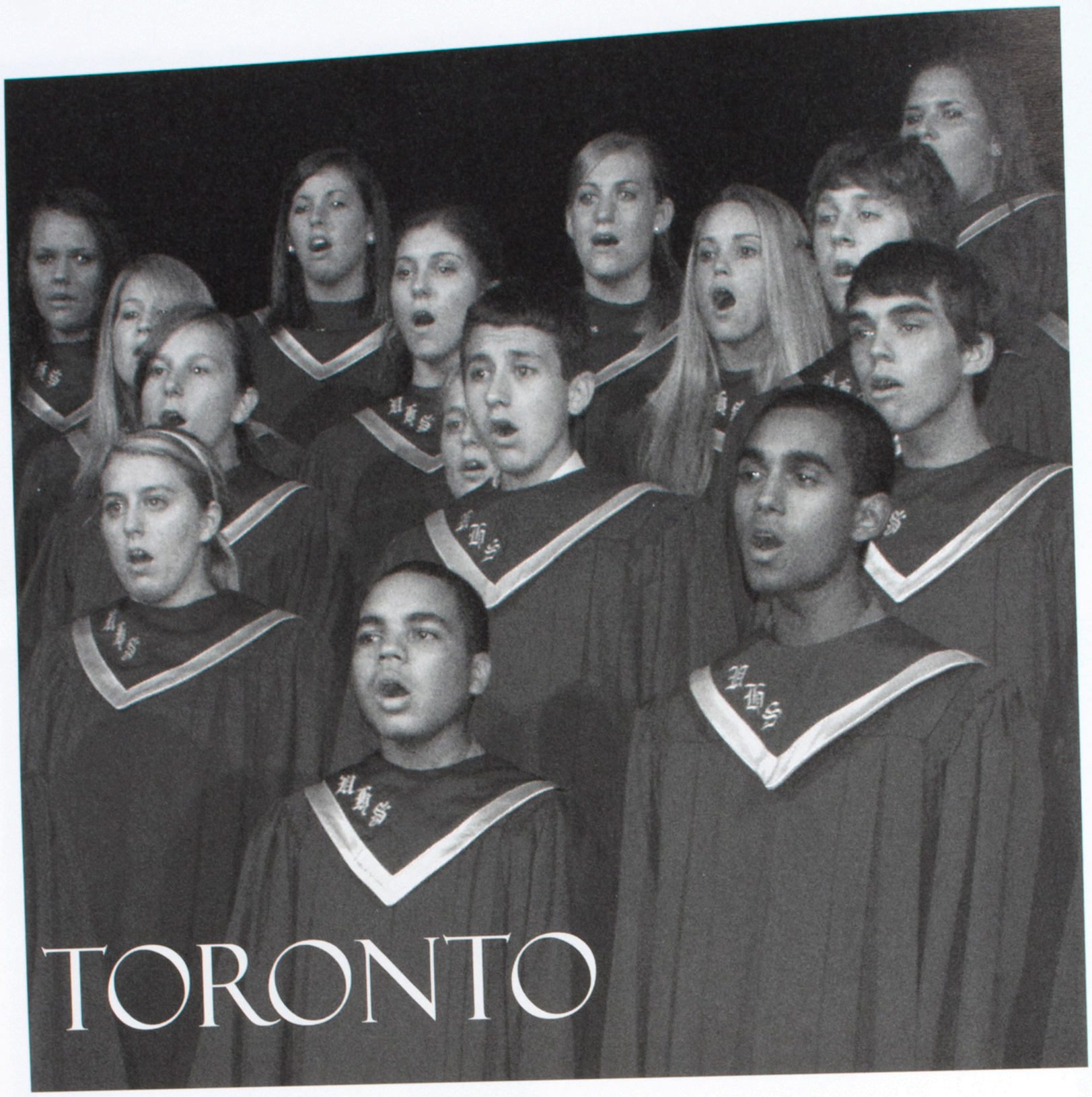
"It's really up to the underclassman to put in the hard work not only during the season, but also during the off-season. We have the potential to put together some good teams at U-High over the next couple of years, but our success will depend on how much hard work the players decide they want to put in," Greg said.

The team had the opportunity to play at ISU's Duffy Bass field after renovations were completed after spring break. Upperclassmen were ecstatic about the improvements to the field that some had played on for two or three years.

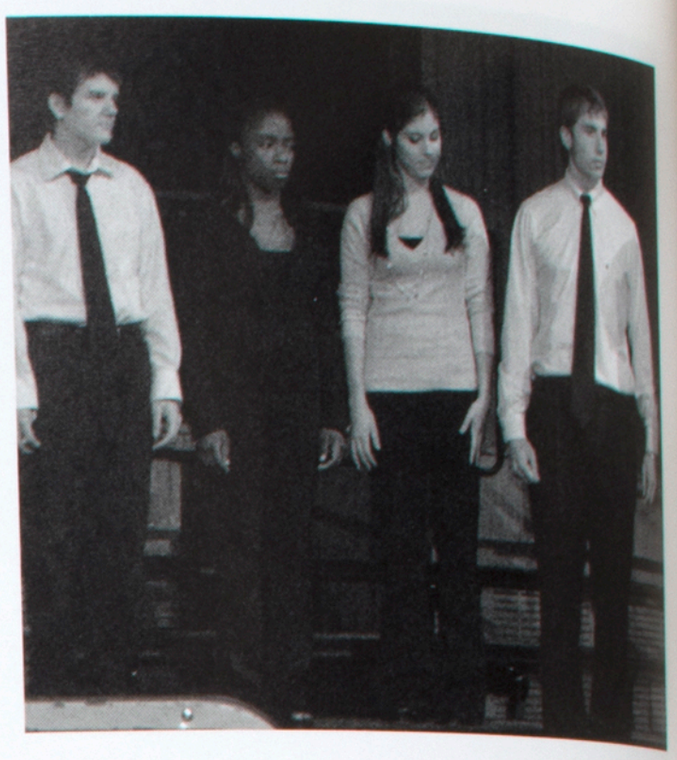
Junior Dustin Stuart said, "When the lights are beaming down on the pitching mound, and the sky is dark, it really feels like you're playing in the MLB. It is the best high school field that we ever play at. We're just lucky to call ISU's field out home field as well."

The new stadium has many new amenities that the team has never experienced before. The dugouts are now equipped with heated seats for cold spring games as well as bathrooms, but these are just some of the new perks the team has enjoyed.

"The new stadium makes our home games something special every time we step on the field. The overall atmosphere is great, and it really makes you feel like playing baseball," Greg said.



TORONTO





By Sebastian Grobe

The chorus trip means many different things to U-High students. From the thrill of being over 1,400 feet off the ground in the CN Tower, to seeing Broadway musicals, to the sleepless bus rides, to just being with friends for a week.

For five days, approximately 100 students went on the "chorus trip" consisting members of the Chorus I, Concert Choir, Treble Choir, and Orchestra classes. The main reason the group was going to Canada was to sing at Havergal College, an all-girls high school in Toronto, in order to perform for judges and receive feedback.

"The school that we sang at reminded everyone of Hogwarts, and the uniforms of "School of Rock". Some of the girls were really nice to us and were like "ambassadors" from their school to "the Americans". It was pretty cool and their choir was really good," senior Peter Garrett said.

Sophomore Dylan Karraker had a great experience singing at Havergal and said it was his favorite memory of the whole trip.

Chorus teacher Chris Corpus thought that the students sang very well.

"The students sang beautifully. They did a good job of really getting focused in the middle of an exciting and distracting trip," Corpus said.

Garrett said the trip was much better than he expected.

"The CN tower was amazing, and the glass floors almost made me sick to my stomach. I'm not usually afraid of heights, but then I tried looking at my shoes and then past them for thousands of feet. It was pretty freaky," Garrett said.

While the line to get up to the CN tower was quite lengthy, Garrett said that he didn't mind because he had good company.

Junior Ian Standard begged to differ. "I didn't like waiting at all, so I got on the ground and slept," Standard said.

Another popular attraction on the trip was the Playdium, a giant indoor arcade containing hundreds of games where the group spent two hours with unlimited play.

Karraker, who had the opportunity to play a shooter in the Playdium with Corpus, said that the experience was very memorable.

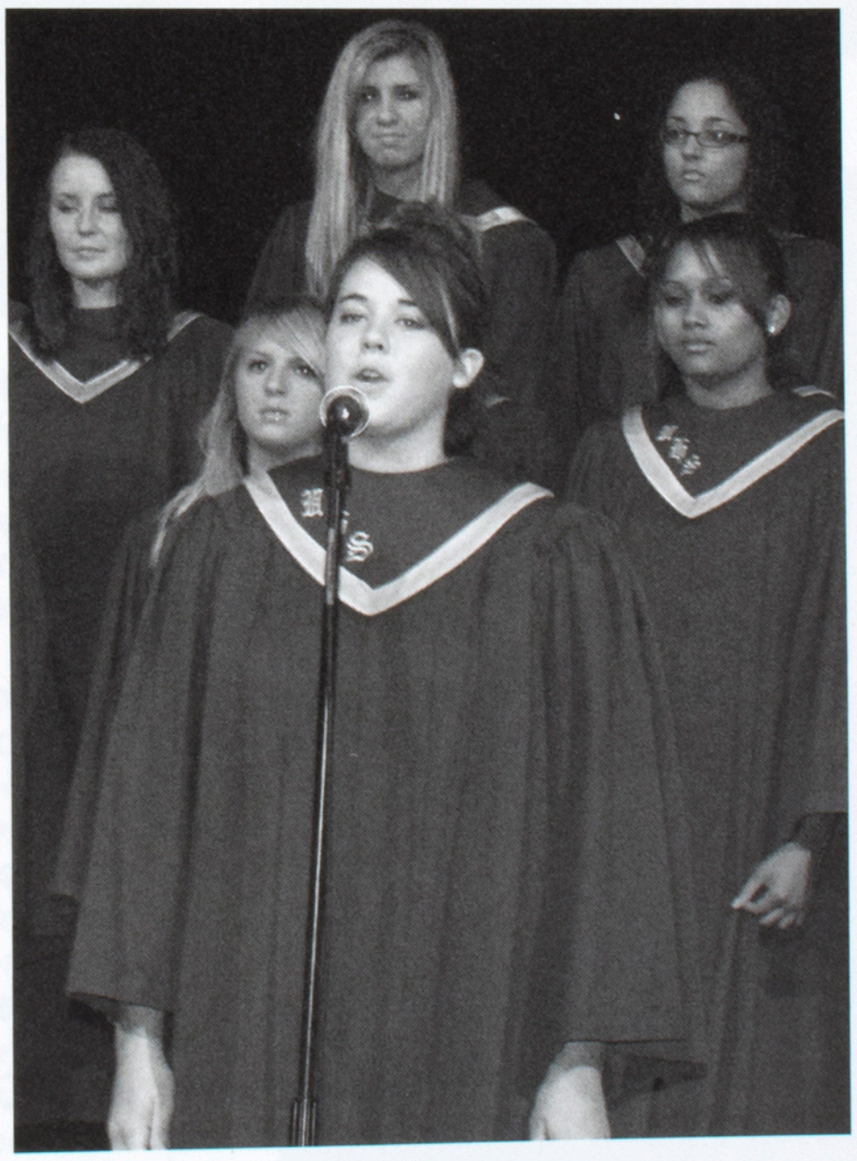
"It was funny to see how bad Mrs. Corpus is at shooters. I basically had to play two games at once because she had no idea what she was doing," Karraker said.

Corpus didn't disagree.



Clockwise: Chorus members sing at a chorus concert. Students prepare to sing a quartet at a chorus concert. Sophomore Jake Oakley and senior Peter Garett play their cellos at an orchestra concernt. Chorus member sing at a chorus concert. Senior Casie Golliday sings a solo at a chorus concert. Member of the orchestra play at a concert. Photos taken by: Marc Hitchen





"I learned that I'm not good at any videogames. I can't shoot, I can't drive, and I can't fly," Corpus said. While most people thought the Playdium was fantastic, Garrett thought it could have been better.

"The only thing I didn't like was that the 2 hour game passes didn't work on Skee-Ball! I was planning on playing that the entire time, and then it didn't work. What a shame. I also wish I had done the go-cart racing, but I didn't know about it. It was still a lot of fun though," Garrett said.

The U-High students were also rocked at the Queen inspired musical "We Will Rock You" and the four seasons oriented "Jersey Boys".

"The musicals were by far the most entertaining thing about Toronto. The recreation of the original songs was really high quality and I was completely inspired by both musicals," Garrett said.

Seeing and listening to the Toronto Symphony Orchestra was another attraction on the chorus trip. During the show, Ann Hampton Callaway, the guest vocalist for the Symphony asked the crowd for suggestions for an improvisational song. Senior Alex Scharf made herself heard.

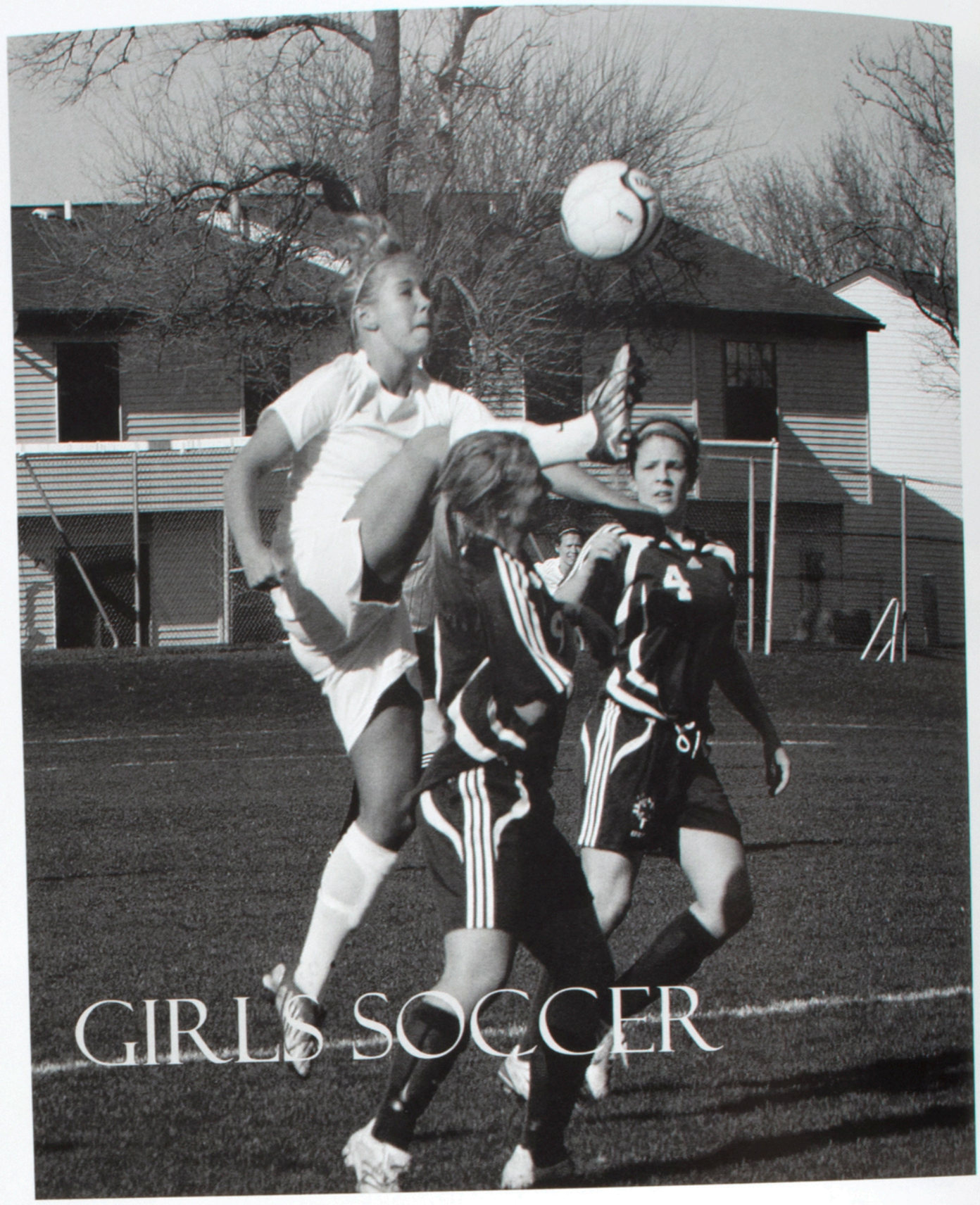
"She was pointing to the section we were sitting in to try and get suggestions for an 'improv' song about Canada. We were all quiet and she was heckling us so I shouted "We're Americans!" She asked from where and we all said Chicago. She ended up fitting it into the song, it was very impressive and entertaining," Scharf said.

The students also visited many other things including Niagara Falls, the Elgin and Winter Garden Theatre, the Ontario Science Center, and the Rogers Centre (more famously known as the Sky Dome).

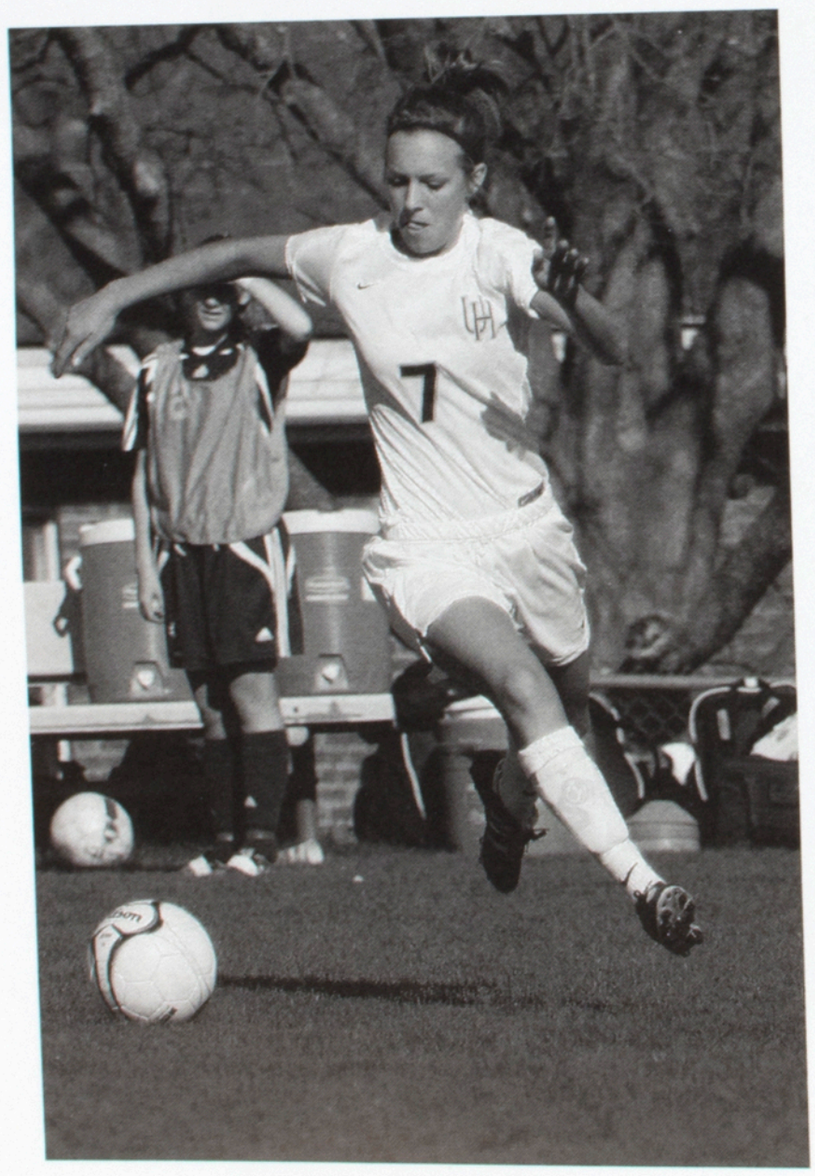
While these activities were all very enticing, many of the students agree that it wasn't the activities that made it fun and worthwhile; it was the friends they were doing it with.

"The shows were fantastic and we had a great variety of them, but the people that were on the trip really made it memorable," Scharf said.

Clockwise: Junior Lindsey Spaits leaps for the ball. Junior Claire Jones dribbles the ball down the field. The members of the varsity soccer team warm up before a game. Senior Emily Allen fights for the ball during a game. Emily Hahn prepares to kick the ball. Junior Lindey Spaits passes the ball.
Photos by: Sara McCullough







GIRL'S SOCCER

By Danie Reece

The cool, calm expression of the receptionist at a local hotel in Quincy, Illinois quickly turns to terror when he sees an entire team of high school girls coming through the door bouncing soccer balls off of each other's heads. He can only imagine what kind of commotion a room full of teenagers could cause.

For the first time in four years the girls' soccer team decided to take on the challenge of competing in an overnight tournament. They chose to test their skills at a two-day tournament in Quincy.

Competing in a tournament that was away from home gave the team a chance to play against teams that they don't get to play very often.

"The tournament was a good experience. We finally got to meet some teams we never play and it was good to see if we were up to that challenge," junior Sadie Somers said.

The team was pitted against C Rock Bridge from Missouri on Friday. They then played against Sacred Heart-Griffin and Rolla on Saturday. The team found that their hard work and preparation at home had adequately prepared them for competing against teams outside of their local area.

The team finished in second place in the overall standings with a point total just one point below the score of the wining team. The team did, however, manage to tie the team that won the tournament.







"We got second when it came down to points, but we tied the team that won. I think we could have won, but we played as a team and that's what is important," Somers said.

Junior Emily Hahn said that although the tournament was exciting and fun, the team definitely faced some challenges.

"The most challenging thing about competing in the tournament was getting up early and playing two games in one day on a less than perfect field. The grass was really tall so it would slow the ball down and there was standing water all over the field," Hahn said. According to Somers, the poor field conditions weren't the only challenges.

"There were only a few challenges, but one of them was getting to bed at a decent time. The weather conditions were also not the best, so it was easy to suffer from heat exhaustion," Somers said.

Despite the challenges of the tournament, junior Lindsey Spaits said that competing in an overnight tournament was beneficial in many ways.

"It was something that brought the whole team together and got rid of some of the separation between grades," Spaits said.

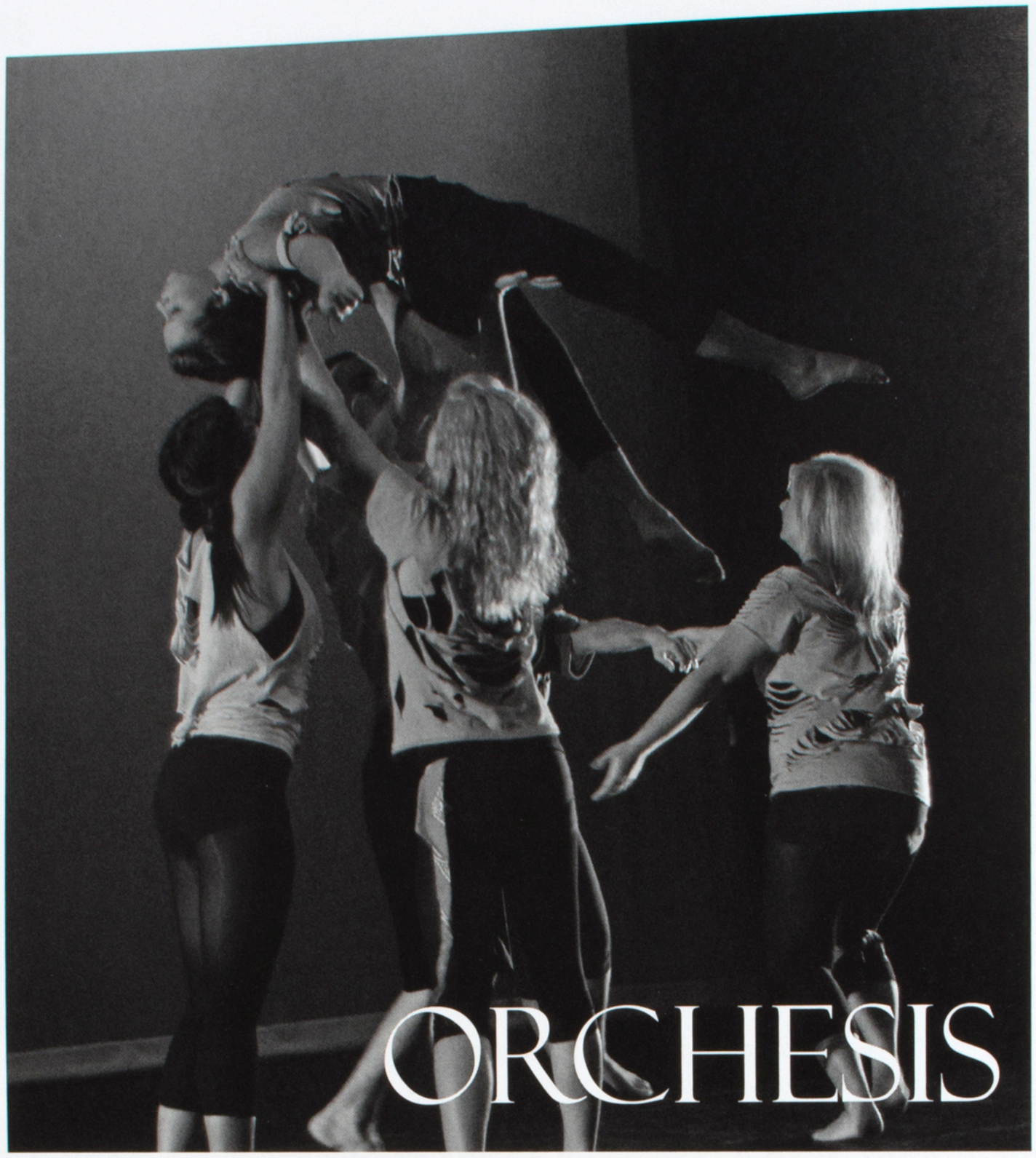
Hahn agreed with Spaits in that the tournament strengthened team bonds and also feels that it benefited the team in many other ways as well.

"I believe that we developed a stronger bond as a team and since it was very tiring we knew that we had to pull together and work as a team. This also improved our skills. In order to minimize the amount of running we needed to make our passes as accurate as possible," Hahn said.

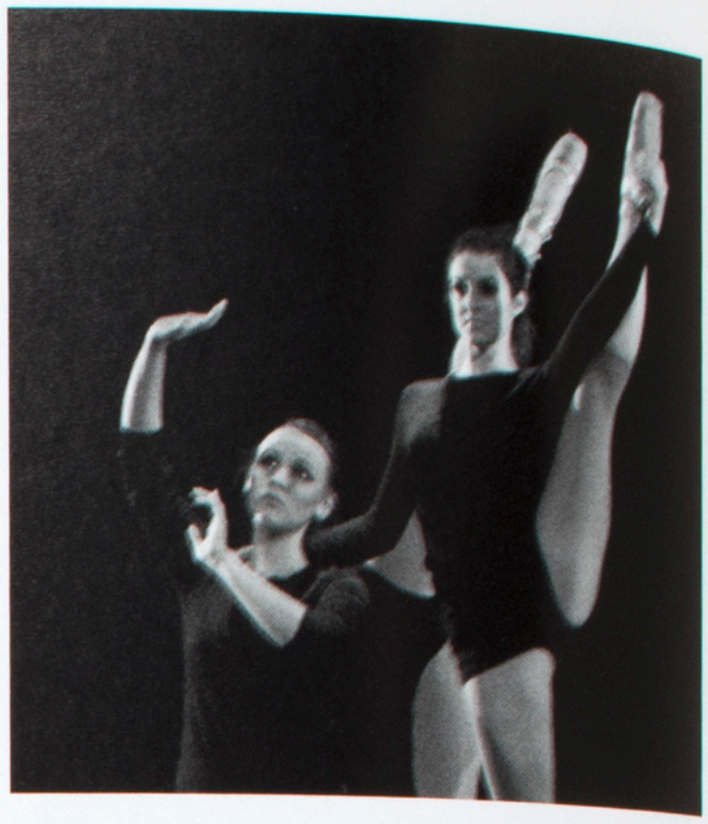
It was especially important for this year's team to eliminate any separation between the grades because five freshmen were moved up from junior varsity throughout the year to get experience at the varsity level.

Hahn said that overall she was happy with how the team preformed at the tournament and she hopes that the team gets the opportunity to compete in a similar tournament next season.

"I was very happy with how the team played. We showed how no matter what the conditions are we can come together and play as a team. It was really a good experience for everybody and I hope that we do another one this upcoming season," Hahn said.



ORCHESIS





By: Annie Nord

Twenty-three U-High students got out of bed every morning to go to their 7:00 a.m. Orchesis class and dance their way into a new day. "In Orchesis we learn a wide variety of dance styles. A major benefit is that we produce our own work twice a year and we get really good training because our teacher is the professor of dance at ISU," sophomore Kelsey Larson said.

Larson's favorite part of Orchesis this year was the Fall Showcase. "We had a really interesting topic which was games. My dance was called 'Skeptical Illusion' and it was about the Ouija board. It was really creepy," she said.

At the end of first semester the Orchesis Intercity Dance Company had to pack up and move to a new location. They had been in McCormick Hall for over 20 years but due to ISU renovations they were deported to room 116 in the Centennial East building.

The new space was renovated for the dance program at ISU and since Orchesis teacher Laurie Merriman was the Assistant Dean in the College of Fine Arts and the head of the ISU program, Orchesis students were able to utilize the new studio.

Merriman said that the new space was definitely an improvement to the program.

"The new studio was larger and had a raised floor with Marley flooring on top to protect the legs of the dancers," Merriman said.

Larson described the facility as being loftier than the McCormick Hall studio. She said the new location gave the dancers more room to do leaps, jumps, and lifts. Junior Zach McGowan was very excited about this change.

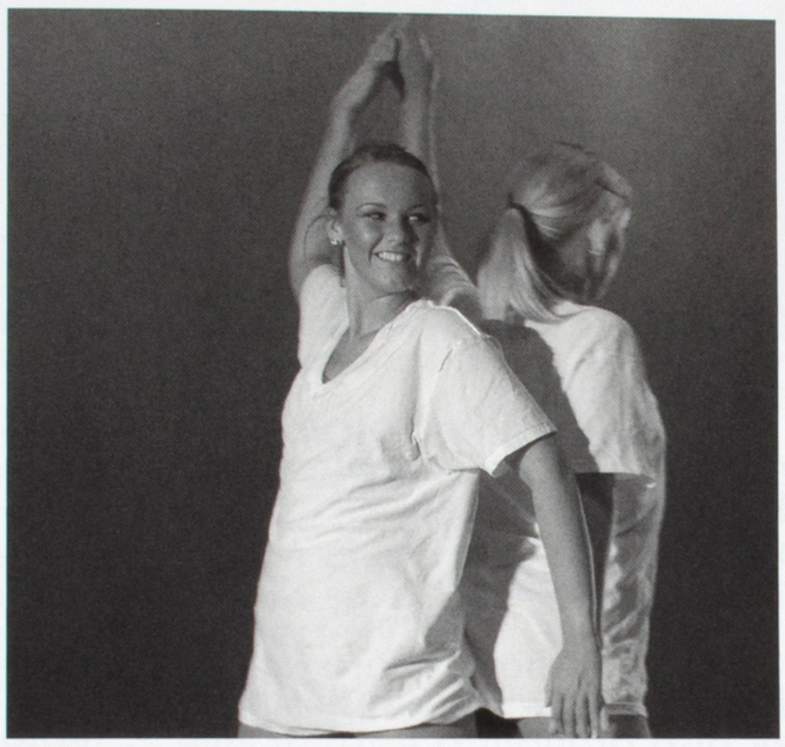
"First semester I had to do a back-flip in one of my dances and I was scared because the ceilings were so low," McGowan said.

Room 116 was also more ideal because of its absence of poles in the middle of the dance floor. "There were huge pillars in the middle of our old room so you would have to dance around them. They were twice as thick as the pillars in the U-High lounge," McGowan said.

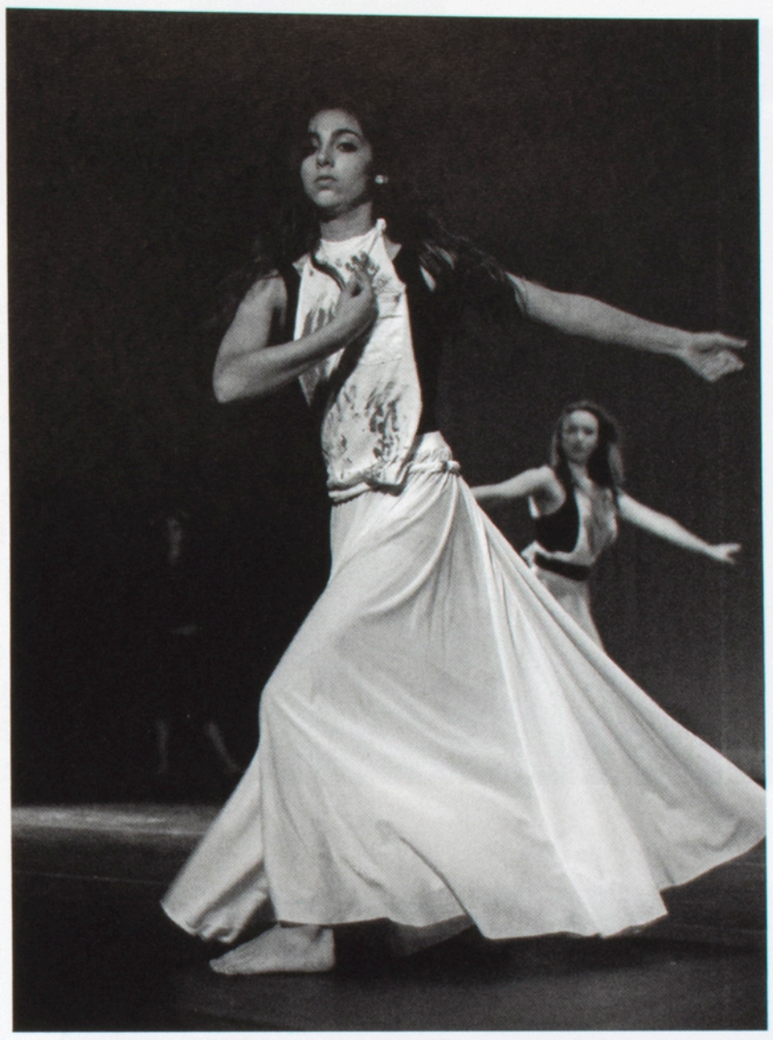
Merriman said other benefits of Centennial East were that they had dedicated dressing rooms, generous storage space, and the whole room was black with black curtains so it could easily be transformed it into a performance space.

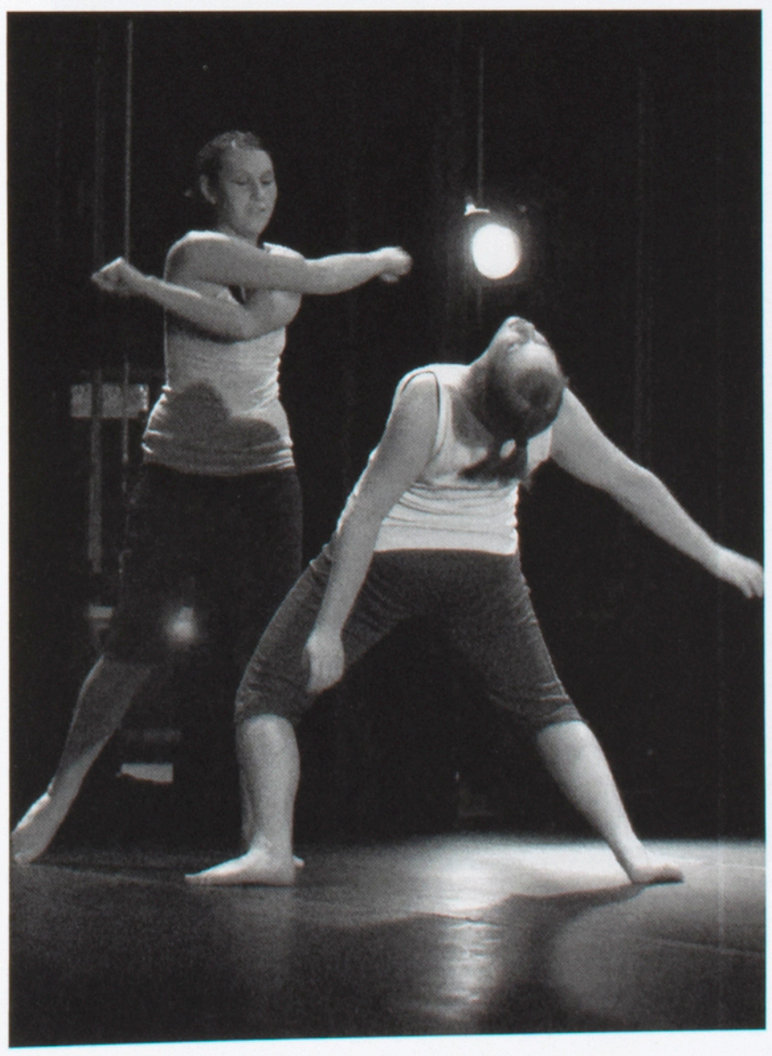


Right page: (clockwise): Tess Losada preps for a turn; Emily Donnan and Katie Telling perform their piece; Sarah Heimerdinger and Lindsay Spaits pose during a ripple; Sierra Anders, Katy Biddle, Ches Glidden, and Jenny Koth hit during a unison section
Photos by: Matt Shrier



Left page (clockwise): Sarah Heimerdinger and Elizabeth Lindenmeier pose during a piece; Jenny Koth does an X-jump in her duet; dancers lift Maddie Andre gently into the air.
Photos by: Matt Shrier and Leigh Huff





Besides trying to find room 116, McGowan said he didn't see any downsides to the new location and that it was a 100% upgrade.

"You have to go through some buildings and there are a lot of twists and turns. I was late my first day by like a half-hour because I was so lost," McGowan said.

While the dancers were getting used to their new location they also had to get used to a new substitute teacher. Merriman went on a three week sabbatical to New York City so substitute Jessica Riss filled in, but Merriman said the students adjusted well.

Another renovation will affect the Orchesis Intercity Dance Company next year and that is the renovation of Stroud Auditorium where they had previously performed.

Merriman said they will most likely produce their concerts at Braden Auditorium. She said the challenge would be to transport the portable Marley dance flooring. Larson predicted another challenge would be to prepare a performance large enough for Braden's stage.

"It's going to be really challenging to create big company pieces with multiple dancers so the huge stage doesn't look empty especially since we're losing a lot of seniors," Larson said.

SOFTBALL



Clockwise: Coach Mike Sondgeroth gives advice during a game. Junior Bailey Bottorff dives for a ball. Freshman Shannon Stuart bats. Junior Danielle Warner winds up to pitch. Junior Kelsey Wilson catches a ball in the outfield. Photos by Ky Bailey





"I think he really helped me grow as a softball player" -Danielle Warner

By Danie Reece

April showers are known to bring May flowers, but this year they also brought a total of five game cancellations for the pioneer softball team. Toughing out the unusually cold and wet season was a new head coach, Mike Sondgeroth.

Although this was Sondgeroth's first year of head coaching the Lady Pioneers, he is familiar with the coaching territory. In the past he has coached baseball, basketball, football, soccer, and wrestling teams on some level.

"It is just something that I have always wanted to do. I enjoy being around sports and working with kids, so it was a natural fit. I began coaching when I was 16 years old...[coaching] my brother's little league baseball teams," Sondgeroth said.

Sondgeroth took over the head coaching position that opened up when former Head Coach Chuck Gault retired last year.

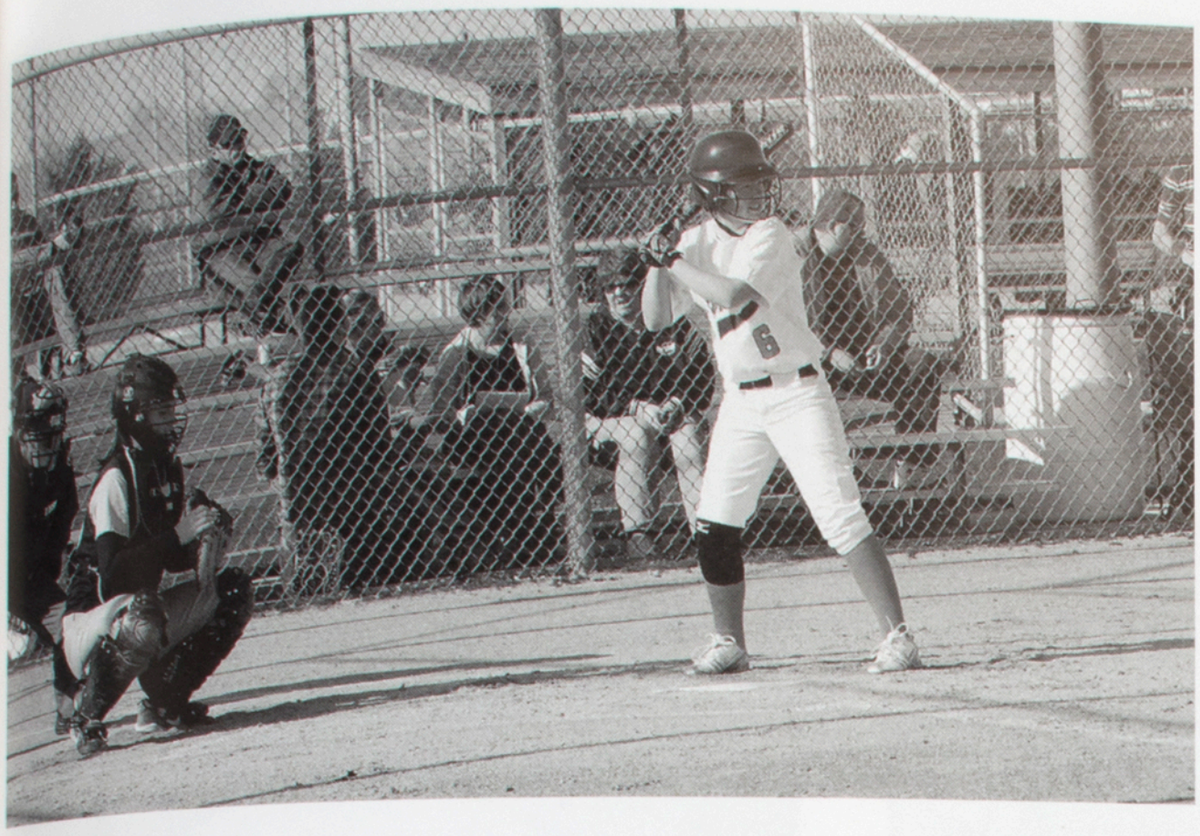
Sophomore Danielle Warner said that there are definitely some major differences between Sondgeroth's coaching style and Gault's.

"Coach Gault was laid back and Coach Sondgeroth takes a more aggressive approach. He isn't afraid to yell at us for being lazy every once in a while. He really encourages us to be focused and always come ready to play. This season we really concentrated on situations. Last year, all we really did was hit in the cage," Warner said.

Junior Kristina Mlincsek said that she feels like Sondgeroth's practices were more direct and focused than Gault's had been.

"He works specifically on situations we would have to deal with while in our positions. He also works with us to improve the team as a whole," Mlincsek said.

According to Sondgeroth the major change that he made to the practice schedule was to put more focus on the fundamentals of the game. He aimed to teach the girls how to properly master their skills and apply specific maneuvers to certain situations.





"A different head coach has resulted in different philosophies, drills, etc. Since this is my first year I probably focus more on the fundamentals than they have in the recent past," Sondgeroth said.

The team struggled during the first part of the season, but they eventually got into a rhythm and ended up with a 5-2 record in the Corn Belt Conference and ended up with a second place finish.

"I think we've come a long way this year, it took us a while to get into our game, but we've really come together as a team to do our best which showed with the more games we started to win later in the season and our second place conference title," Senior Kelsie Celis said.

Although the girls liked Sondgeroth's direct style of coaching and running practices, Gault was missed.

"We all loved Gault as our coach and he still comes to our games, but Sondie does a great job coaching too," Celis said.

Assistant Coach Laura Sellers said she feels that Sondgeroth is a perfect match for the head coaching position.

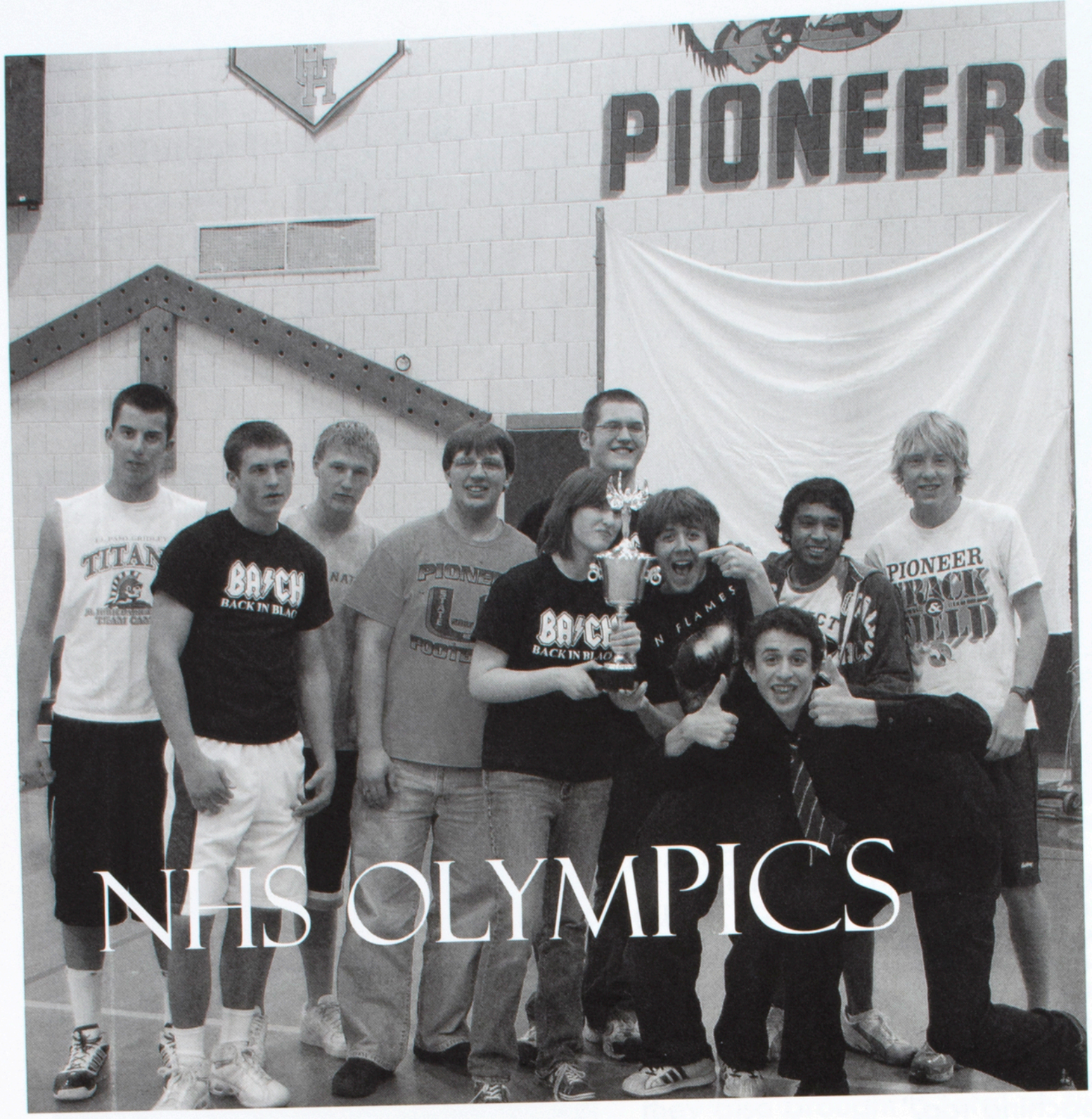
"He has a great deal of overall coaching experience, he is loyal to U-High, and he is passionate about kids," Sellers said.

Warner said that she is thoroughly impressed with how well Sondgeroth handled his first year of holding the head coaching position and she hopes that the team will continue to grow with him as their head coach.

"I didn't really know what to expect at the beginning of the season. I especially didn't think I would learn anything new at this point in my softball career. I think that he has really helped me grow as a softball player. I know that he cares and that he wants to win. For his first year as a varsity coach, I think he has done a great job improving the U-High softball program," Warner said.

Sondgeroth wasn't the only new face in the varsity team's dugout this year. Three freshmen started on the varsity team in hopes to fill the spots that were left by the numerous seniors that graduated last year. These players included Chloe Hundman, Kali Riddell, and Shannon Stuart.

"It is great to have two freshmen that are good pitchers. The younger players will help build the program in years to come," Warner said.







NHS OLYMPICS

By Marc Hitchen

Pie covered faces and flying scooters were just some of the obstacles each class had to face on their trip to gold at National Honor Society's first annual Olympic fundraiser on Friday.

The proceeds went towards The Children's Foundation Adopt-A-Family Program and the club raised just over $300.

The four class levels competed against each other in an obstacle course, pie eating contest, guitar hero, scooter race, knockout, and scholastic bowl.

The junior class was the overall winner followed by the seniors in a close second with the sophomores and freshman following up behind.

Senior Rob Hanson competed in both the obstacle course and the scooter race.

"The obstacle course was fun but hard at the same time. On a scale of 1-10 I would say it was a 13," Hanson said.

Hanson and his teammates in the obstacle course started the seniors off slowly and they never recovered in time to win the overall tournament.

"Well, victory was within our grasp, but we could not reach it," Hanson said. "I tried to eat my competition and spit it out, but that didn't work, so I made sure we would not get fourth."

Junior Connor Brown was excited for helping his class win the overall trophy.

"Winning overall was awesome, everyone in our class is great, and I can't ask for more," Brown said.

However, Brown was still upset even though his class won overall. He finished second in the knockout game.

"It wasn't very hard of an event. I was upset that it wasn't a 3-point contest and was hoping it would be," Brown said.

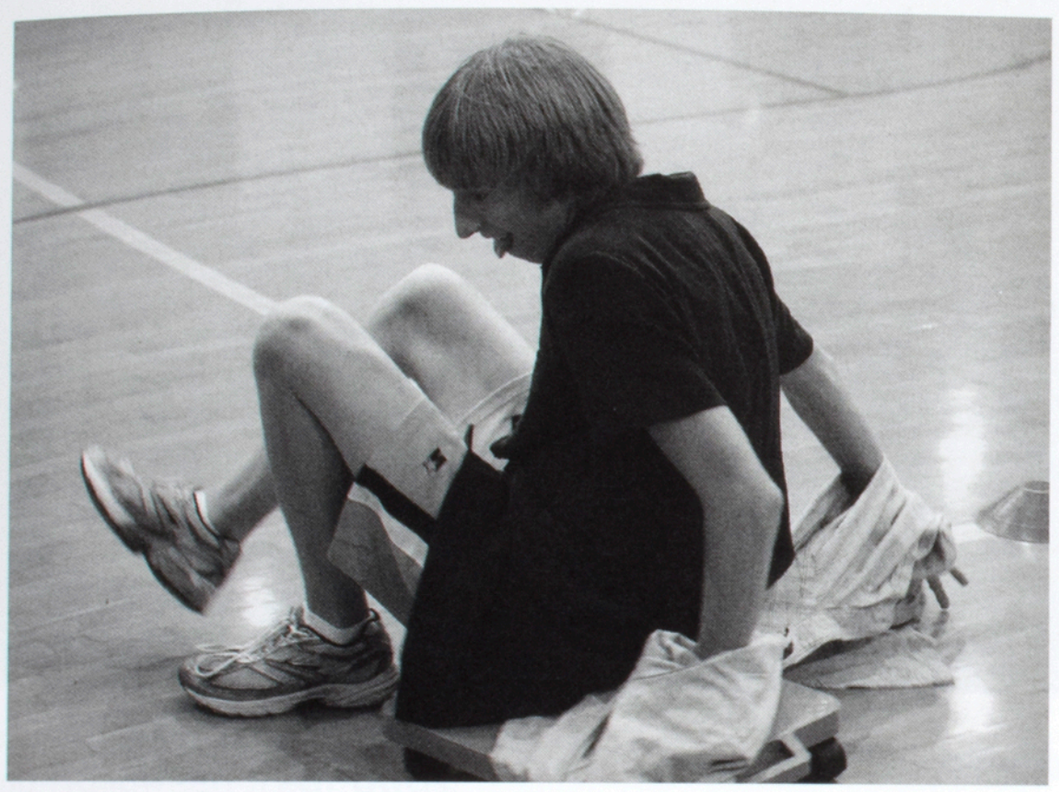
NHS member Maggie Irvin was one of the many club members helping the events run smoothly.

"I think it went pretty well, especially for a first year event," Irvin said. "There was a general consensus that most people liked it."

The juniors seemed to have the most fan support, and were by far the loudest, Irvin said.

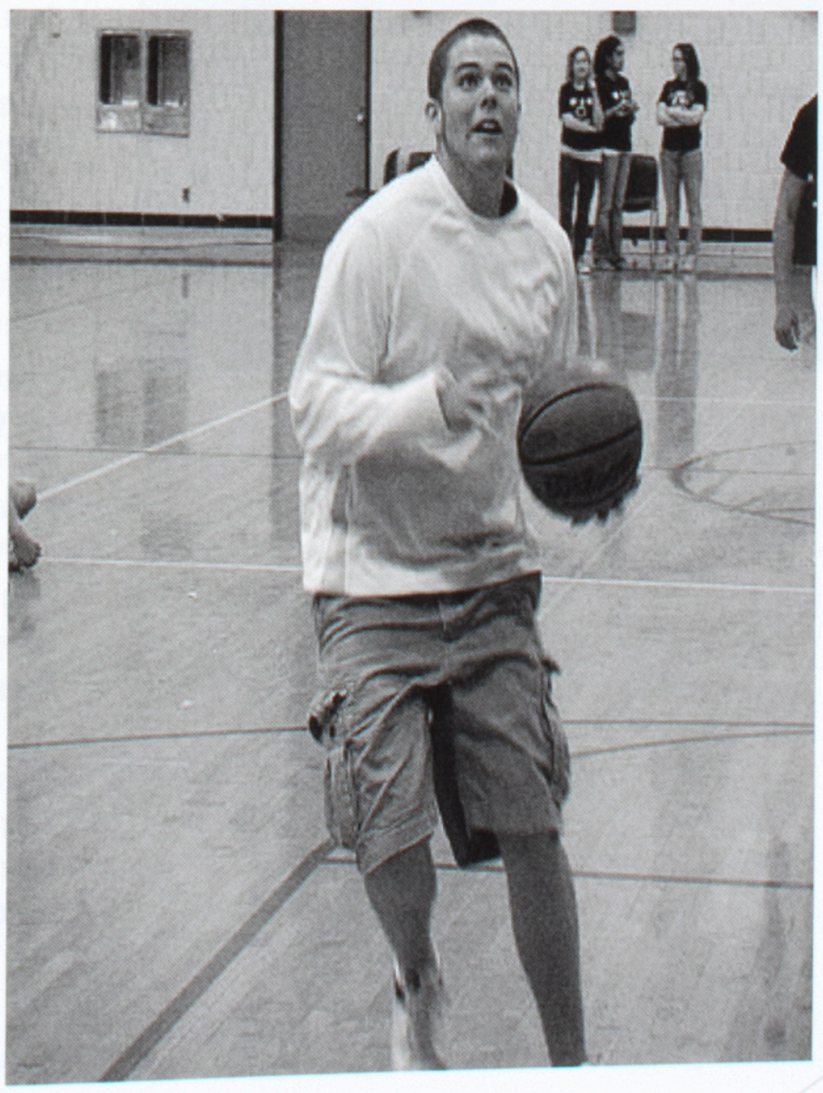


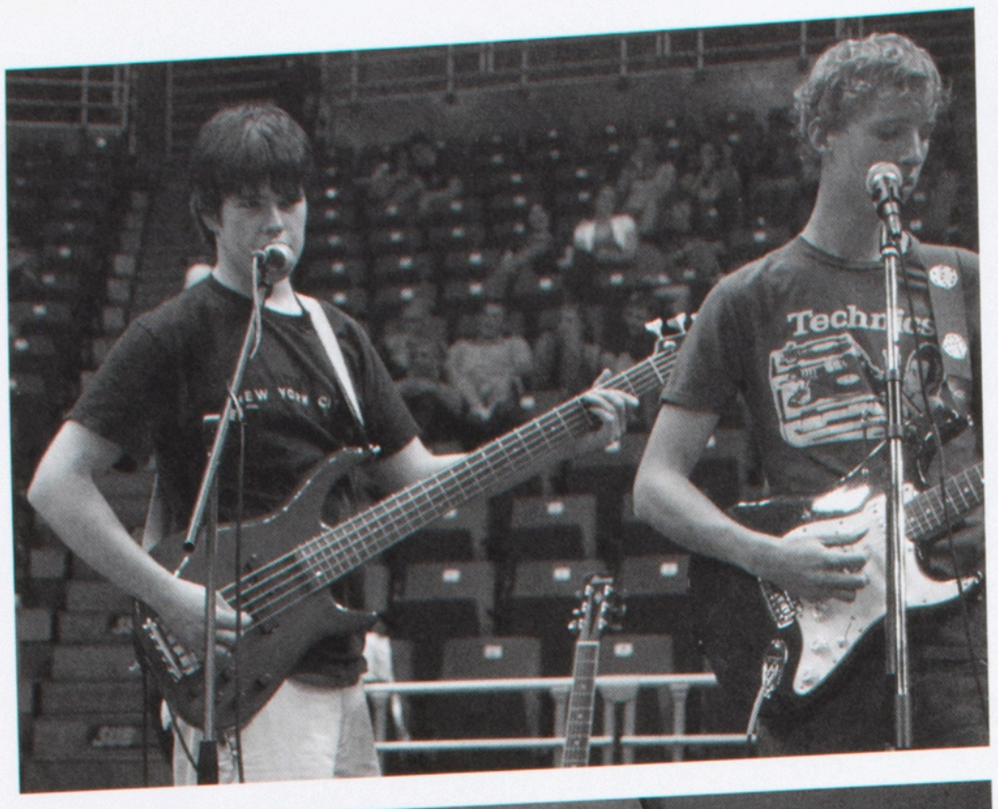
Clockwise: Juniors who were selected to compete in the NHS Olympics celebrate their victory. Sophomores James Clay and Steven Husk compete in the scooter race. Juniors Chris Michels, David Cooper, and Chelsy Coombs compete in the scholastic bowl portion of the competition. Junior Blake Reno and senior Alex Scharf rock out duing the Rock Band competition. Senior Christopher Hoerdemann prepares to shoot the ball in the knockout competition. Junior Wil Ward sprints to the finish. Senior Kirk Saunders glides across the gym floor in the scooter race. Sophomore John Williamson competes in the pie eating contest. All photos by Marc Hitchen and Casie Golliday.



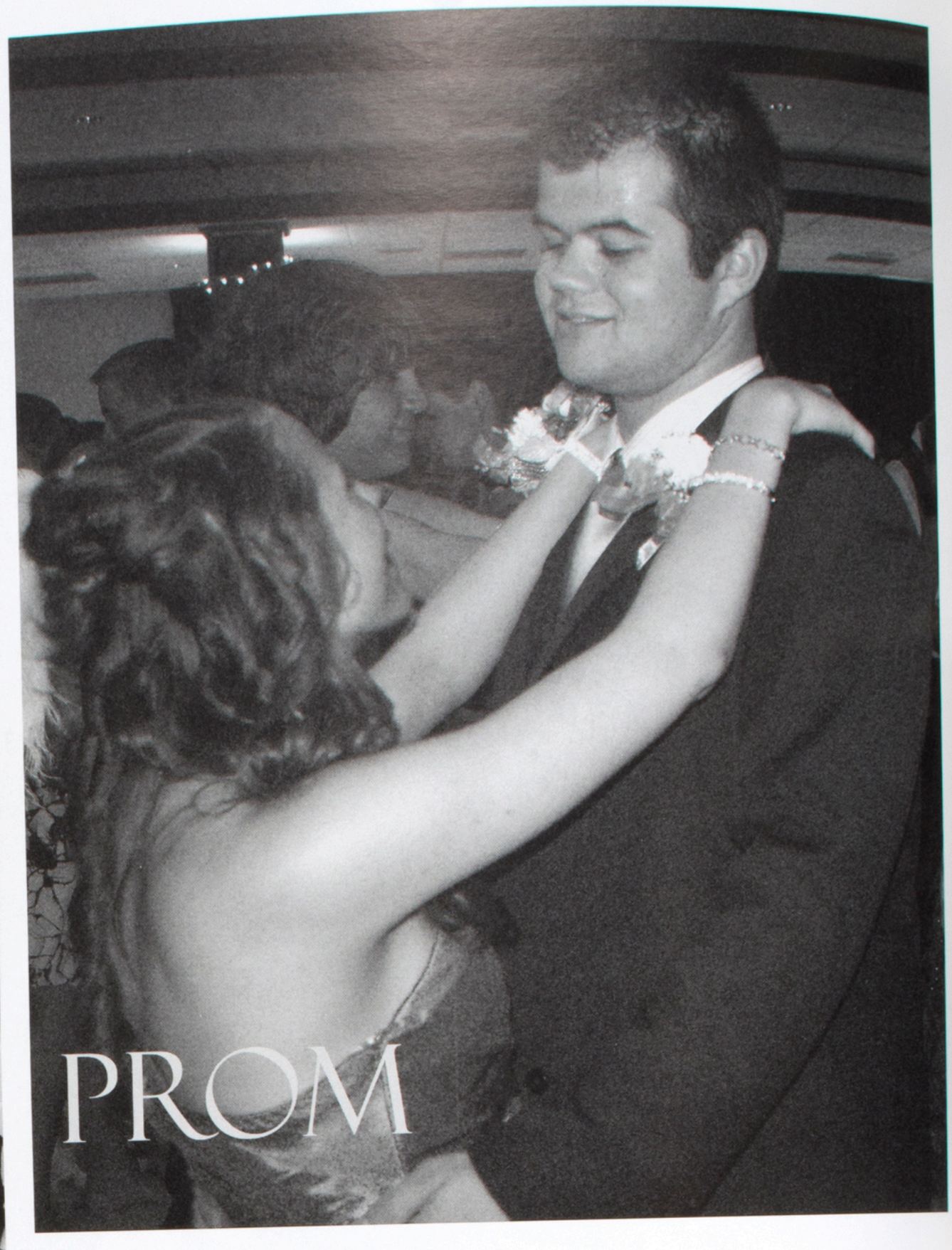












PROM

By: D.J. Blume

Prom is a time for students to have fun, but for the people who make it fun, it can be the opposite. By tradition, the junior class is in charge of prom preparation. Committees working with parents, such as the one to plan grand march, worked after school to help set up Stroud.

The decorations committee worked the morning before prom to give ISU's bowling and billiards center the themed masquerade look. Students on this committee considered it hard to cram in morning decorating with appointments to get ready for the dance later that evening.

"I don't think it would have been quite as hard if my daughter wasn't also Head of the Decorations Committee," Head of the Food and Beverage committee, Joan Hill said.

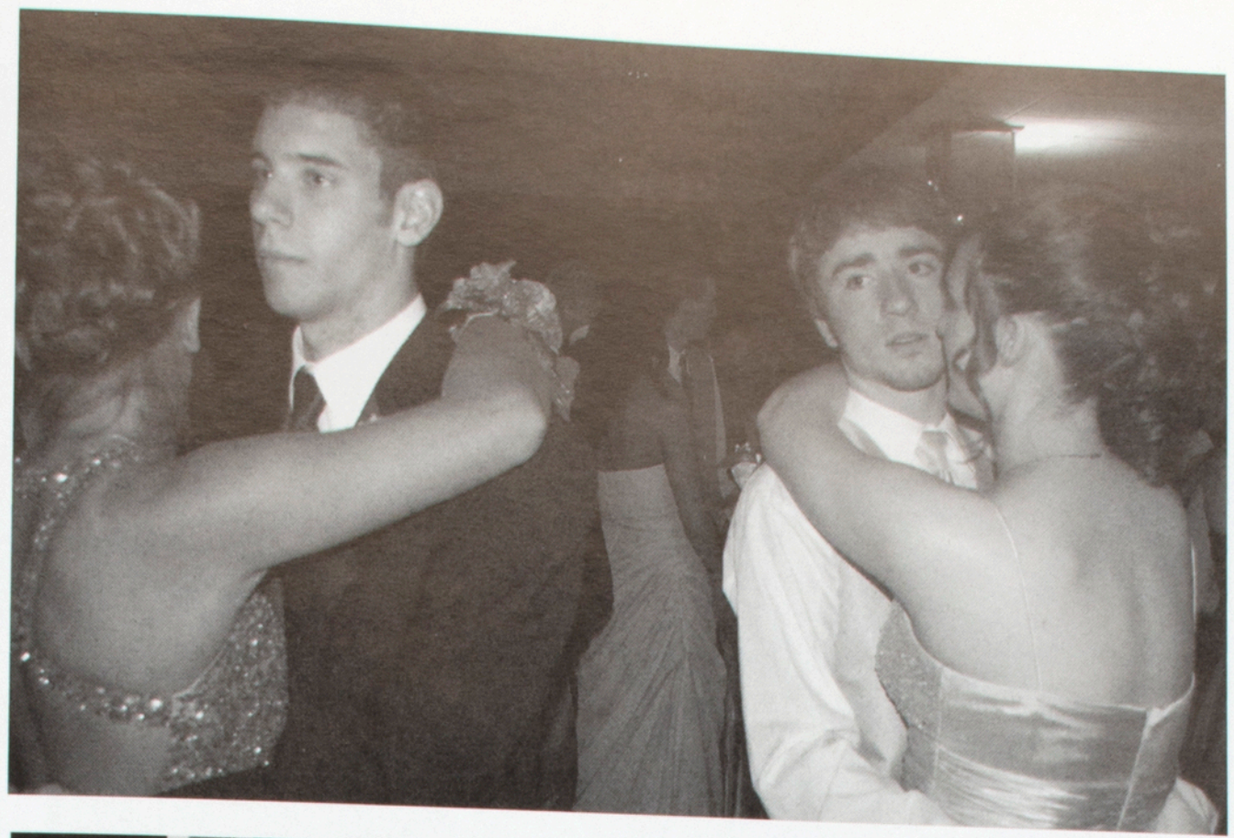
Once preparations for prom were done students went to get ready for the dance but the parents on the committee were still working to set up for after-prom.

The after-prom committee, worked all morning and into the afternoon before prom to prepare. There were some problems though; when the parents showed up to the arena, where after-prom was held, tables were not set as planned, Head of After-Prom Committee, Judy Hovern said.

After the dance, the entrance to the arena was crowded making admission to after-prom slow and frustrating Hovern said. The hosting of after-prom is not cheap. The committee's goal was to raise $12,000, but only managed $9,000 she said.

In order raise this money









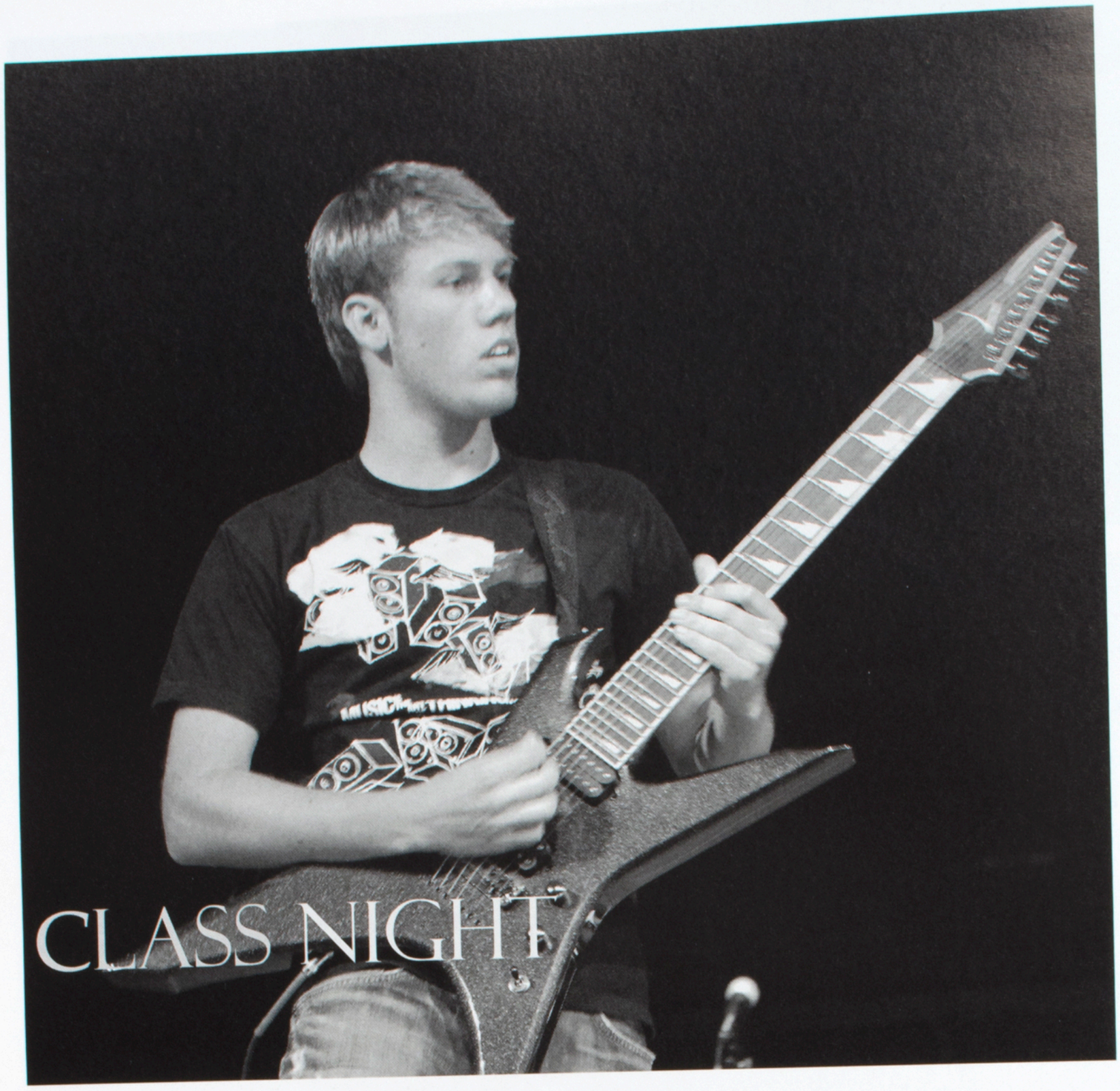
the committee held fundraisers such as selling Halloween treat bags, finals' care packages, valentine cookies, and chicken dinners.

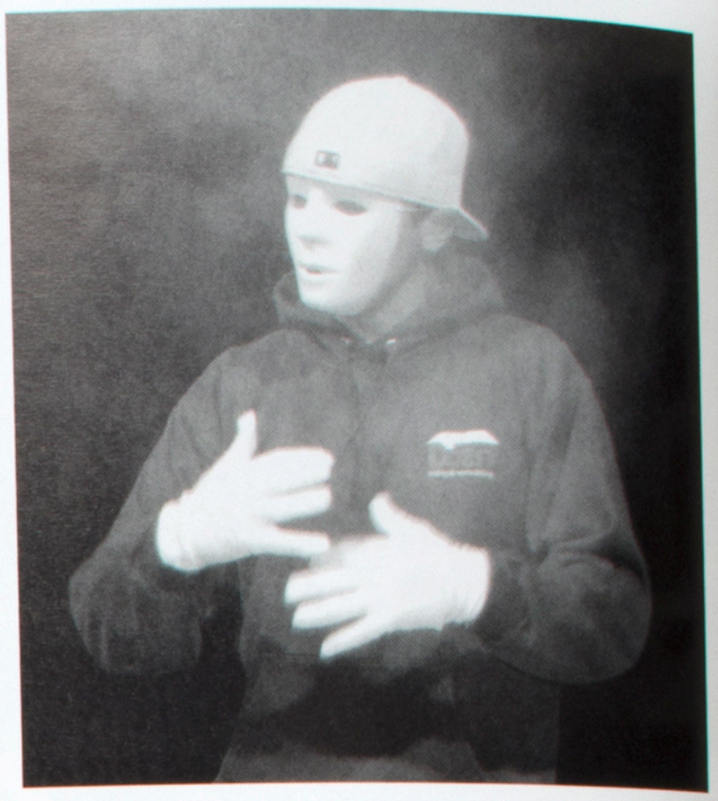
"Focus more on the dinners instead of a lot of little fundraisers," Hovern said. The fundraiser that was the best help was the chicken dinners.

Prom is a fun tradition for students, and even though it may be hard for those involved in the planning and preparation there are brighter sides to all this hard work for those involved.

"I enjoyed it and thought it was great seeing all of the hard work come together," Hill said.

Clockwise: Senior Peter Garrett and junior Nathaniel Bass perform at After Prom. Senior Ethan Bury dances with his date. Junior Emily Zimmerman and senior Mike O'Malley play Baggo. Seniors Jack Capodice and Ryan Lehner slow dance with their dates. The Prom Court gathers on stage. Seniors Jordan Bond and Stefan Brooks are crowned Prom Queen and King. Juniors Chris Michaels and Kenny Lane show off their moves. Photos by: Ali Mueller and Casie Golliday







CLASS NIGHT

By: Marc Hitchen

With ceiling tiles falling, lights and sound equipment not working, Stroud Auditorium was ready to host its final event—Class Night 2009—before a facelift.

Class Night 2009 had films featuring teachers getting punched before eating, Batman, Stewie's Club Adventure, Best Friend and many more. Each sketch was different and created a variety of responses.

Senior Nick Geyer said that the night was pretty fun filled, and was much better than what he thought it would be, however it was not "Wow!-worthy."

Mixed in between the videos was music performed by the senior band. Songs ranged from "Let's Get it Started" by the Black Eyed Peas, to "What I've Done" by Linkin Park.

Along with the Class Night Band, music was also preformed at the end by an all-teacher's band. The teachers produced a film featuring them getting punched before eating by science teacher Steve Evans.

Senior Ben Kilborn directed a film focusing on one teacher in particular. It was titled, "A day in the life of Mr. Fitz," featuring Social Science teacher Bob Fitzgerald.

"I was a little scared at first but I watched it before the night and it was pretty good," Fitz said. "However Mike has a long way to go in his acting career. I understand that it is hard to pinpoint everything and most of all, a true actor would have taken one for the team and shaved his head."

Fitz also played in the teacher band which performed while the senior waving video is viewed.

"I think it is good that we (teachers) get involved. Its special and the students get to see us outside of the class room," Fitz said.

Even though the night was fun, Senior Alexander Zaitzeff would have liked to see some different things.

"We need more variety, we need movies



Clockwise: Jack Mecherle plays guitar in the Classnight band. Ben Kilborn performs. Jessie Swiech plays the "Joker". Social Science teacher Andy Davis performs with fellow teachers. Vince Kroll sings along with his stuffed dog. The crowd watches the band from the pit. Photos by Ky Bailey

that have more of a plot and movies that are not all made by the same director," Zaitzeff said. "But it was all still pretty amazing, we all put the effort in and if you were feeling down, it picked you right up."

At the end of it all, it was time for the class of 2009 to give the final farewell to old Stroud, and they did it with grace and style.

Class Night 2009 was very similar to past years' with the singing of the Alma Mater, the passing of the lamp of knowledge, the moving up of classes, but however this year senior Kieran Pereira gave a speech remembering Mr. Dirk Smid and others that were part of the U-High Family that have passed away this year and at the end of his speech a moment of silence was taken.

"I think this year will be remembered not because the music was good or the videos were funny, but that we took the time to remember members of the U-High community that have passed this past year," senior Delayne Durdle said.

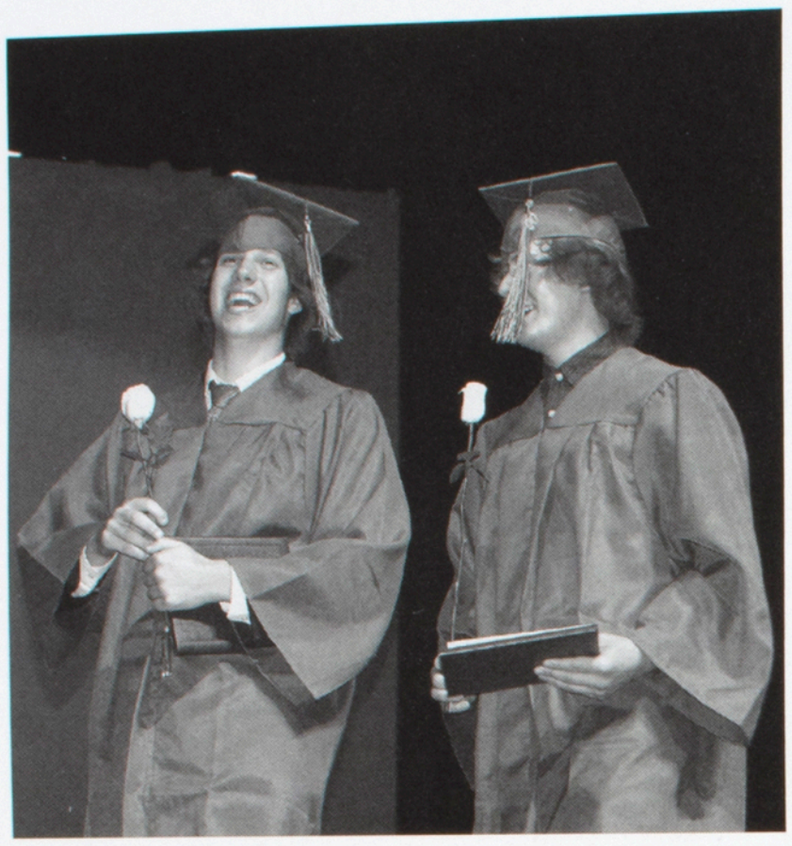
Following the movies, music, and moving up of classes was the dance. This year the incoming freshman had a social to meet with other members of their class and the freshman teachers. After the social they were able to attend the dance for about 20 minutes.

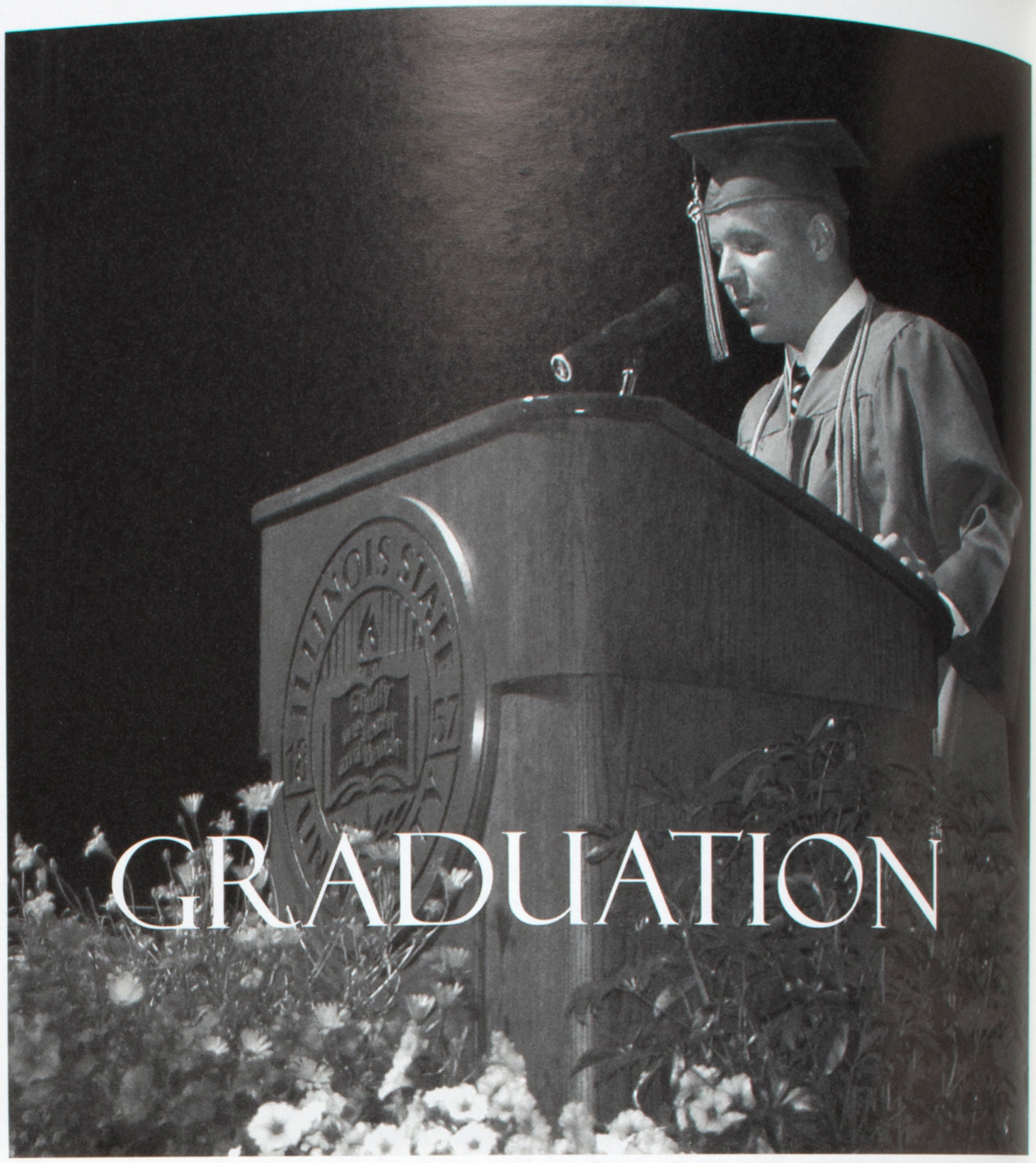
"I think they should be able to attend the whole dance, it is a tradition at U-High. I enjoyed it my freshman year and every year after," senior Bethany Karraker said. "I know I would not have wanted to go to a freshman social."



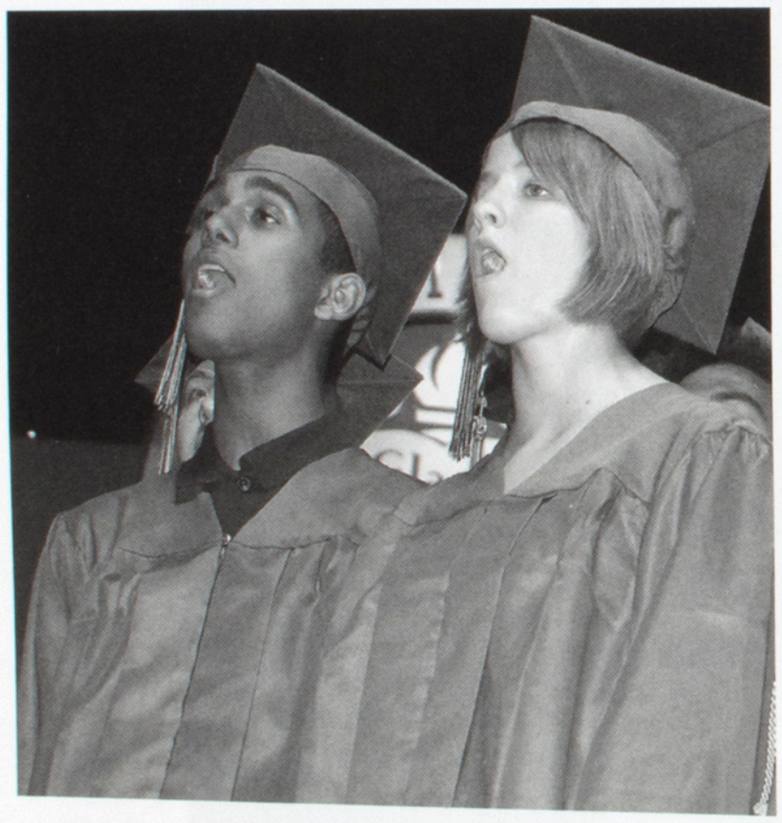


Clockwise: Student Body President, Vince Kroll gives a speech at graduation. Dr. Robert Dean and Principal Dr. Jeff Hill wait for graduation to begin. Senior Stefan Brooks accepts his diploma. Senior Casie Golliday reciees her diploma. Senior chorus members Kieran Pereira and Catelyn Shaw sing at graduation. Seniors Austin Stewart and Mattew Stroh celebrate after graduation.
Photos by : Bailey Bottorff





GRADUATION



By: DJ Blume

Graduation is a celebration of students passing high school and moving on with their lives.

The graduating class of 2009 walked across the stage of ISU's Braden Auditorium to receive their long waited for diplomas.

"It feels great to finally be done after all my hard work," senior Meredith Maughan.

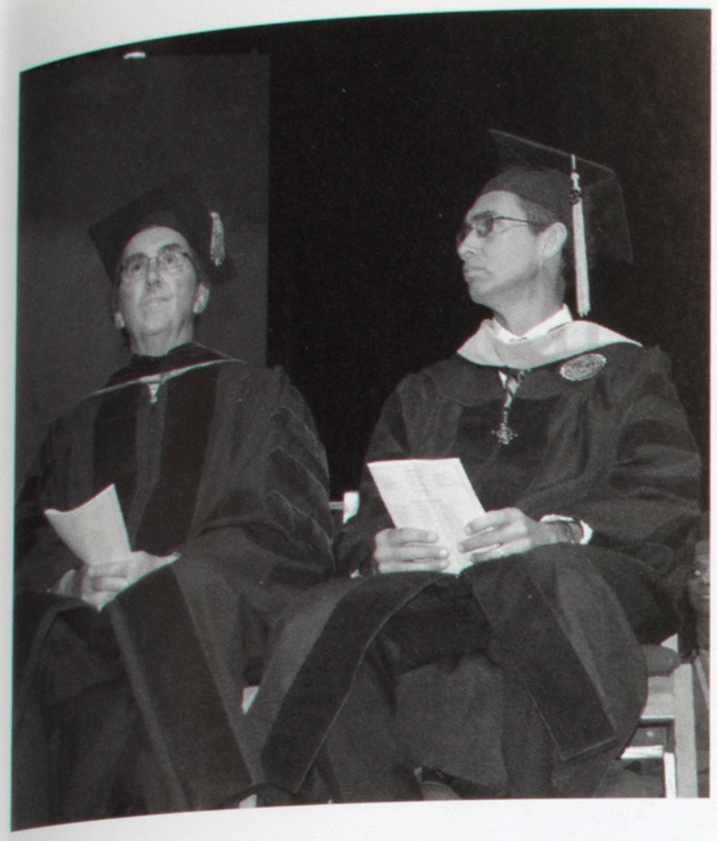
Although this is a great moment, there were some worries to the15 seconds of fame on stage.

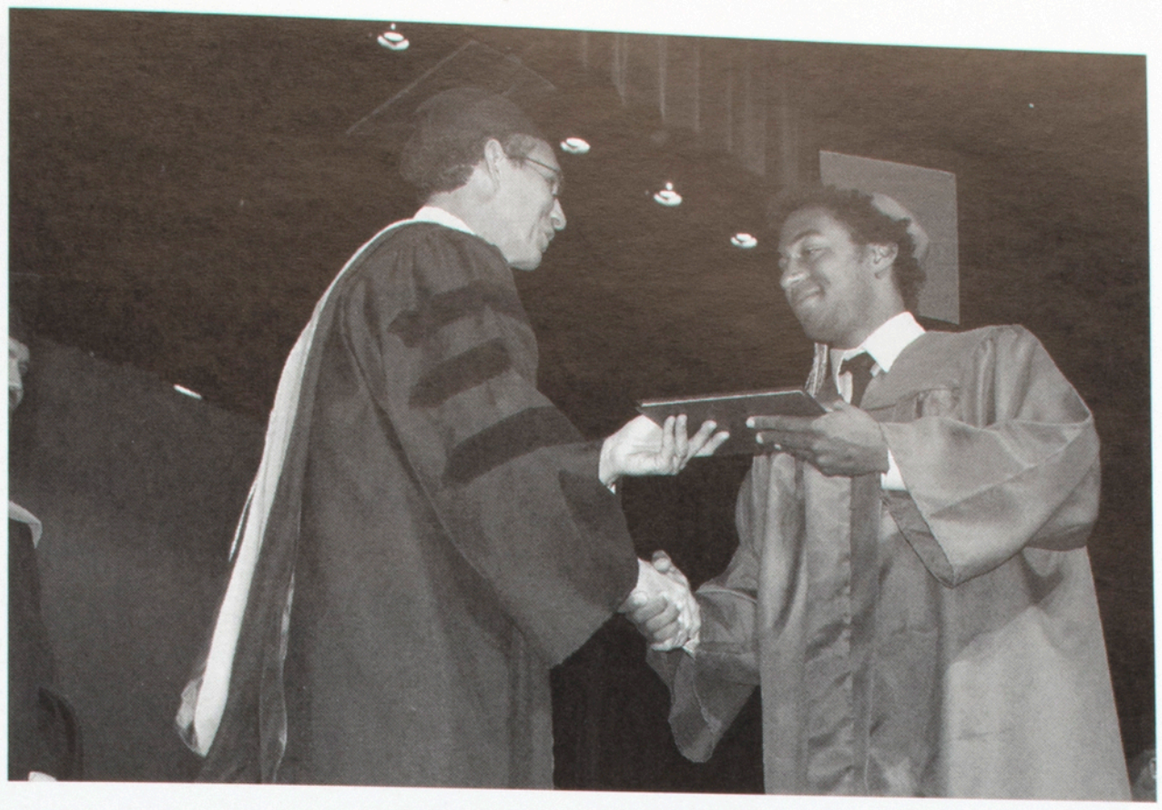
"I was kind of worried that I'd trip," senior Tim Glover said.

There was carefully planned preparation for the graduation ceremony. The students had to go to Braden to practice how to receive the diploma, and how to stand up and sit down.

"I thought we would go there and be done in about thirty minutes," Glover said "We were there for a couple hours and pretty much did a run-through."

During the actual ceremony three students gave speeches.





One of the most touching moments was when senior Kieran Pereira was giving his speech and talked about his mother's passing away and how she wanted to be at his graduation.

Pereira also discussed how we should live in the moment and not worry so much about the future or dwell on the past.

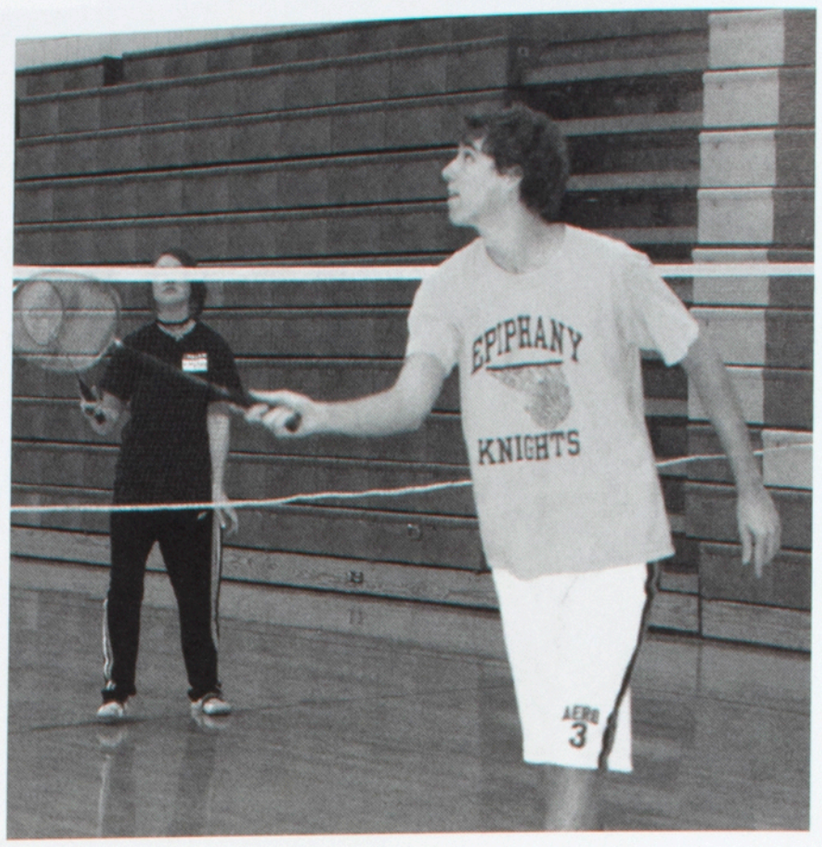
The other speakers were Kasey Le and Laura Smith.

Graduation parties are another popular part of graduation.

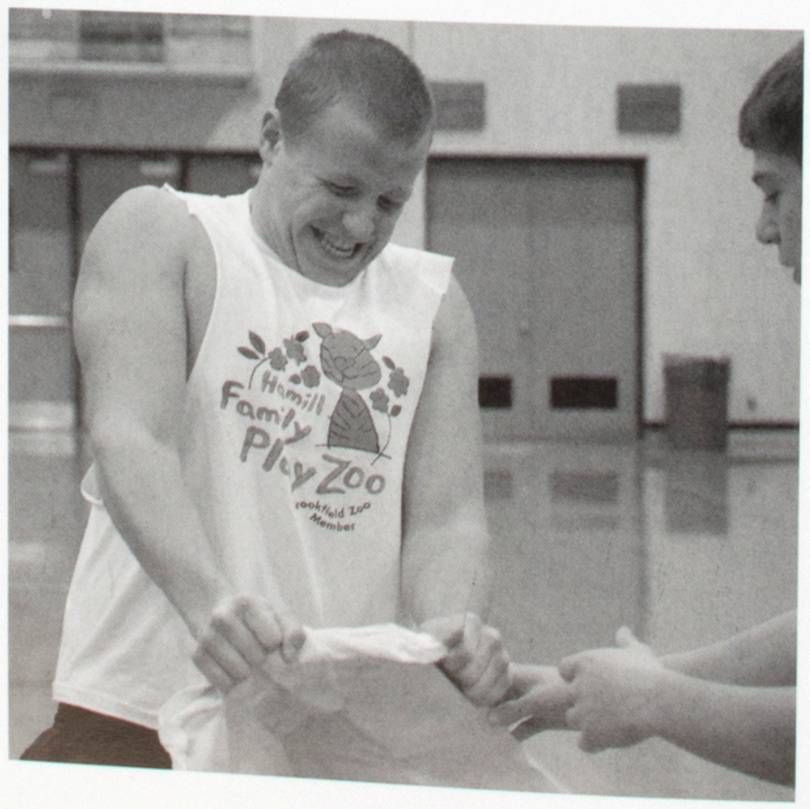
Students have individual, and sometimes joined parties with other students in celebration of their success.



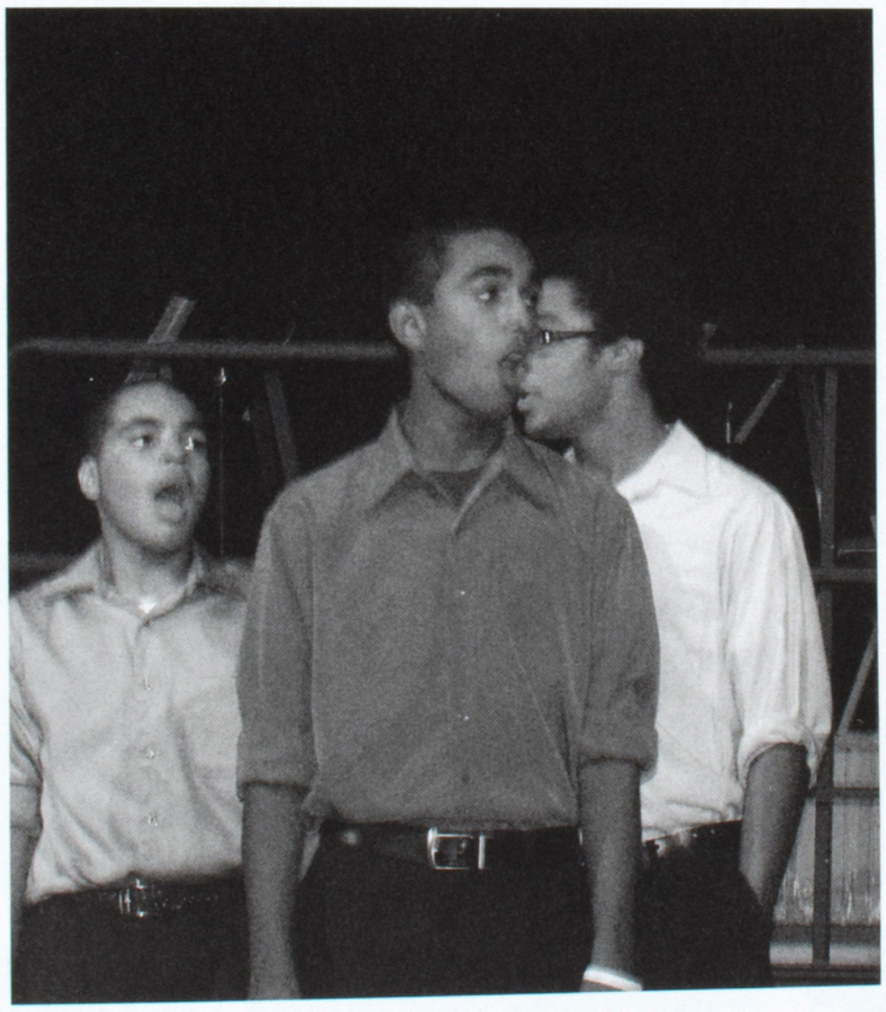
"It wasn't really stressful for me, but it was for my mom and Brent's mom but they did well and it turned out great," Glover said.


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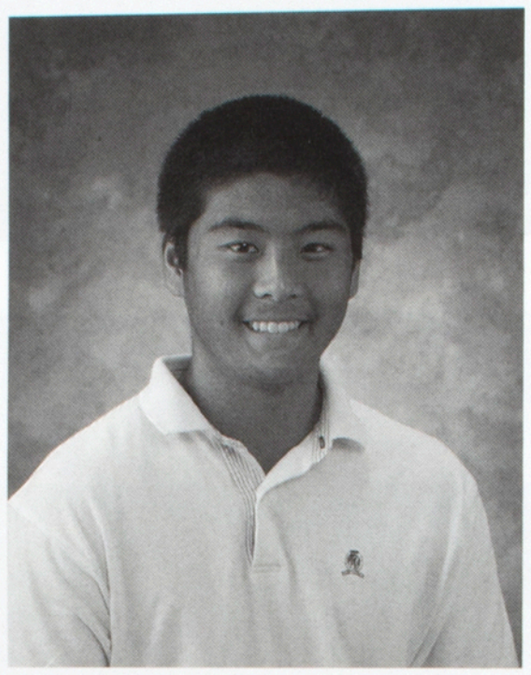






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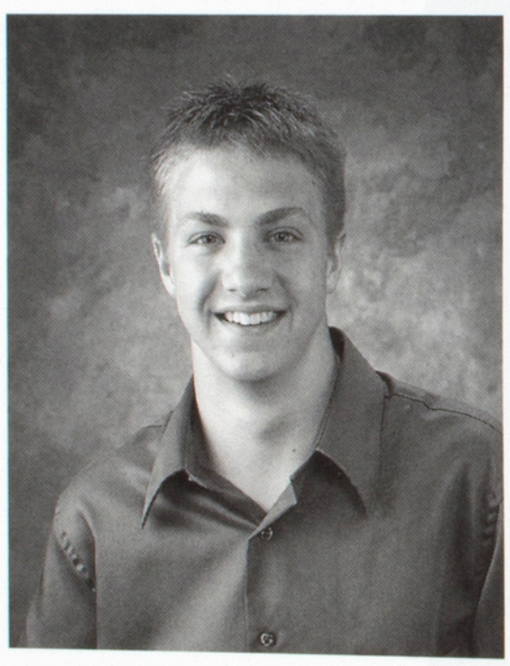




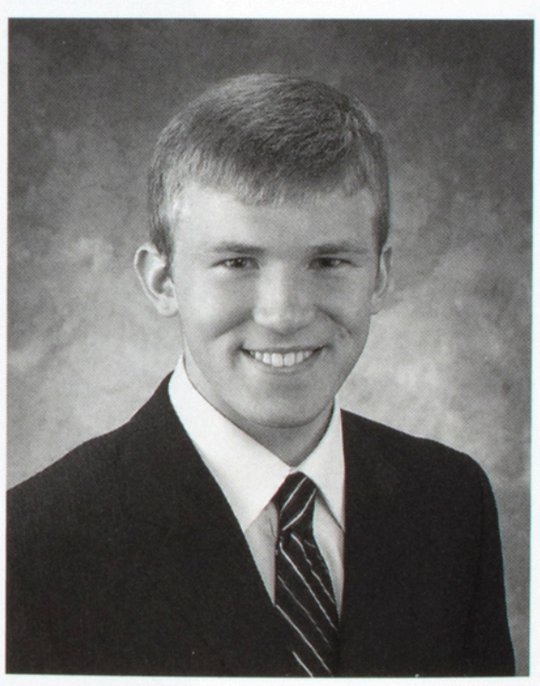


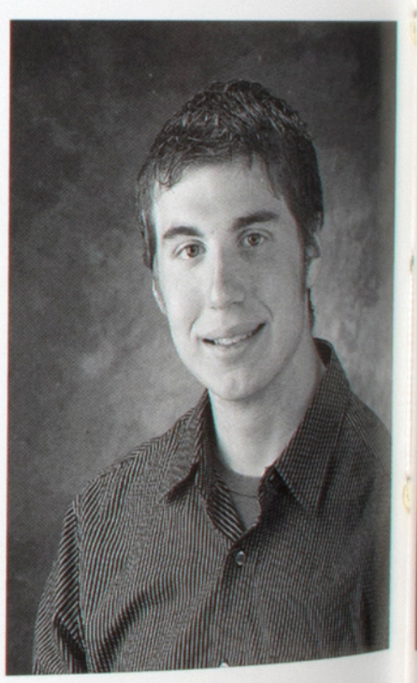


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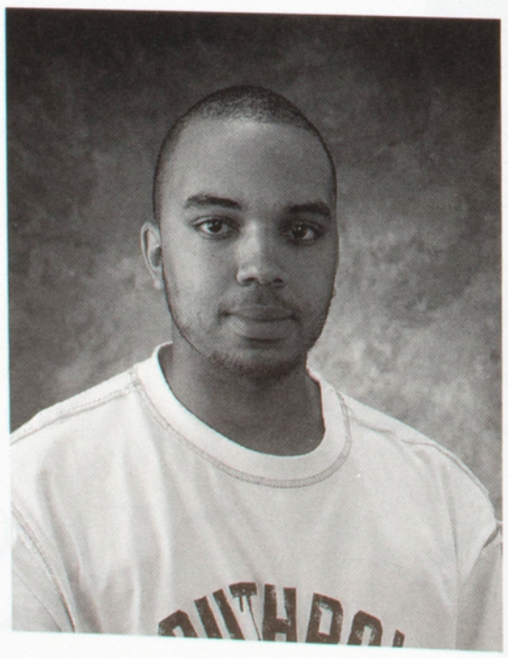






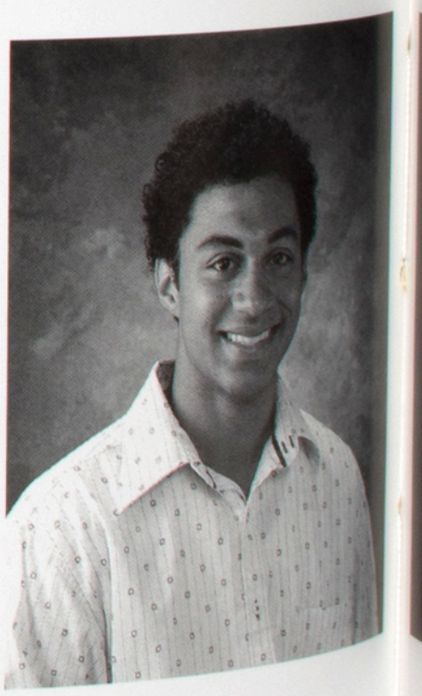


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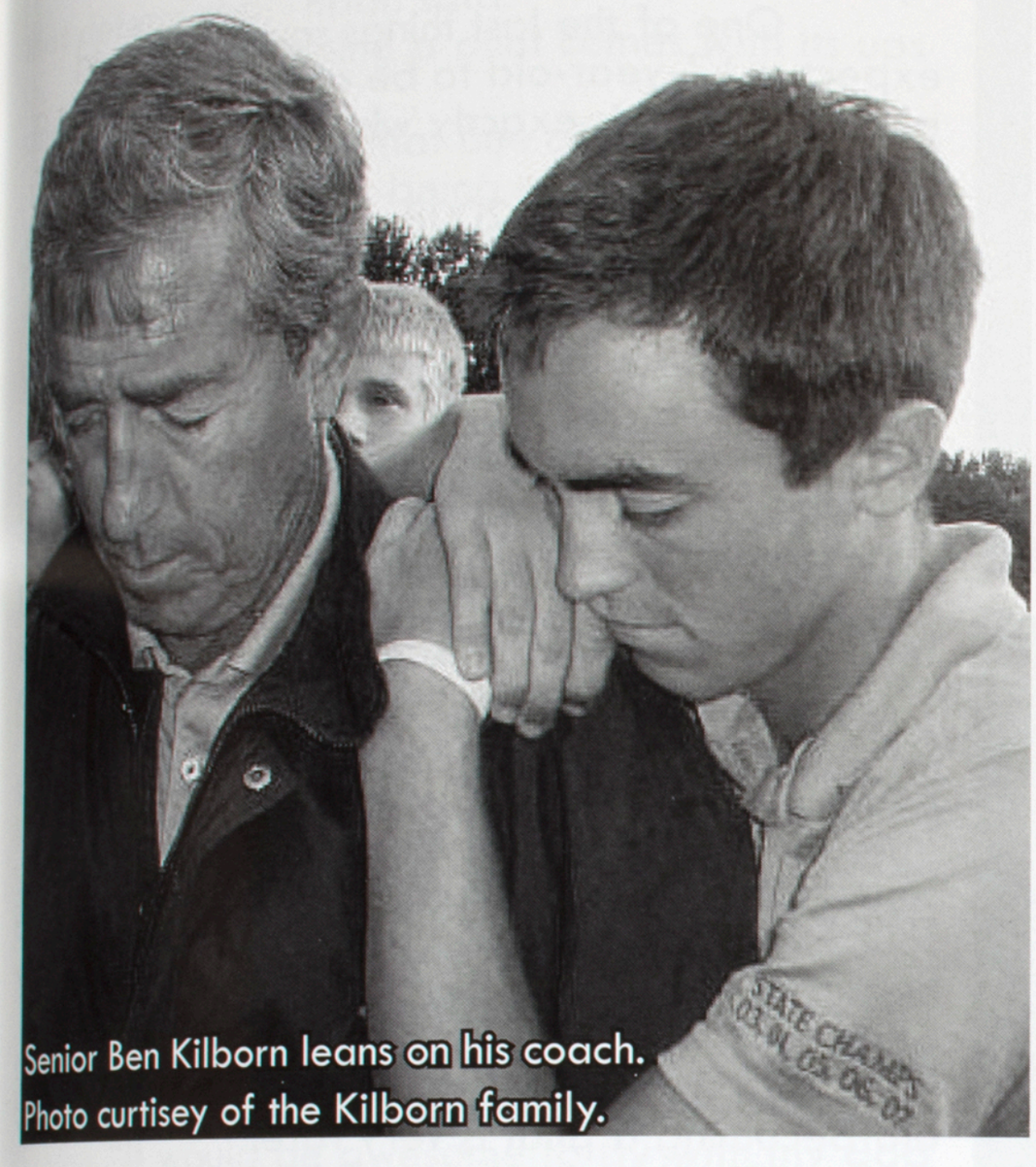








GOLF'S FAMILY BONDS



Senior Ben Kilborn leans on his coach.
Photo curtisey of the Kilborn family.

By Jack Capodice

Introduced to the game of golf by his dad at age two, U-High senior and golf team co-captain, Ben Kilborn, has been playing golf his entire life.

Throughout those years his father, Harland Kilborn, acted as an official coach for him.

As the U-High boy's golf coach, Harland was Ben's official coach in more ways than one.

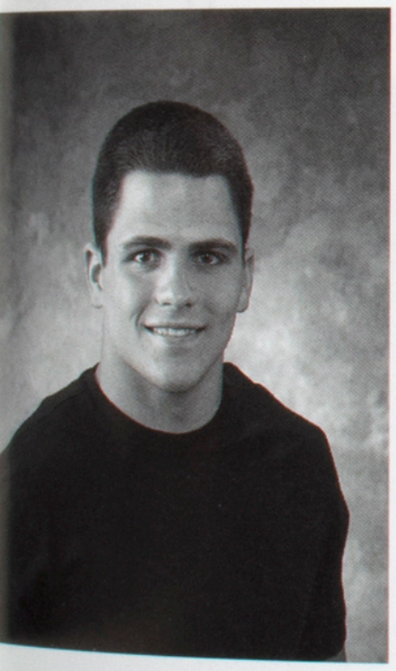
Over the summer Ben heard that the position of boy's golf coach had opened up and encouraged his dad, a retired Division I coach, to look into it.

Eventually Harland gave into his son's wishes and was soon offered the job of head coach by the U-High Athletic Department.

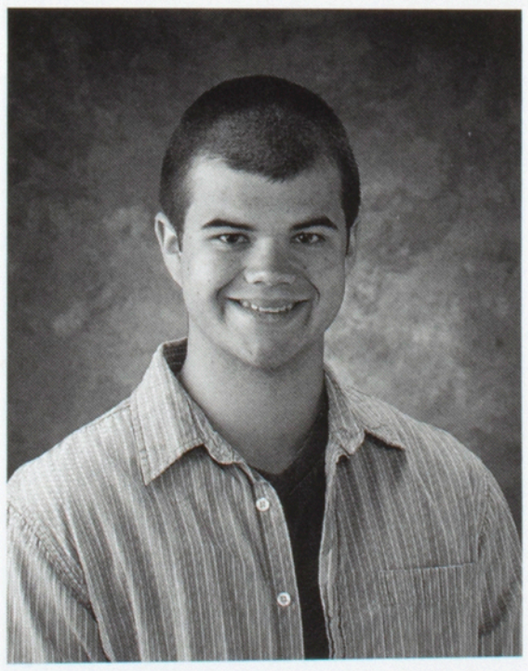
When Ben heard the news that his father would be coaching the team, he was thrilled.

"I was excited about it," Ben said, "Now we get to spend more time together."

Harland said he was settling into the coaching position well."Oh it didn't take long for it to feel like old times again."

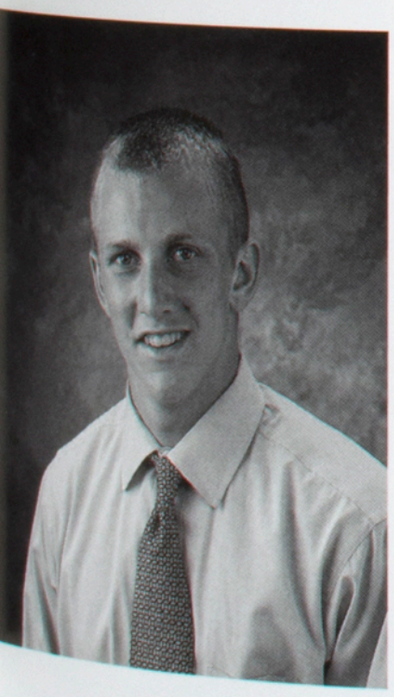




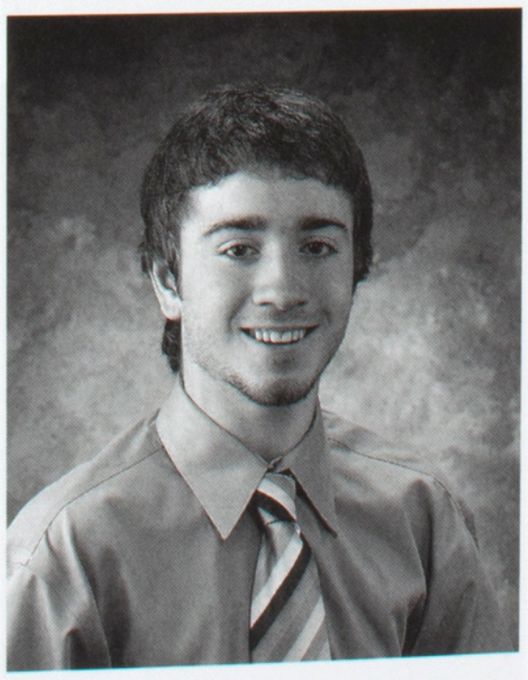




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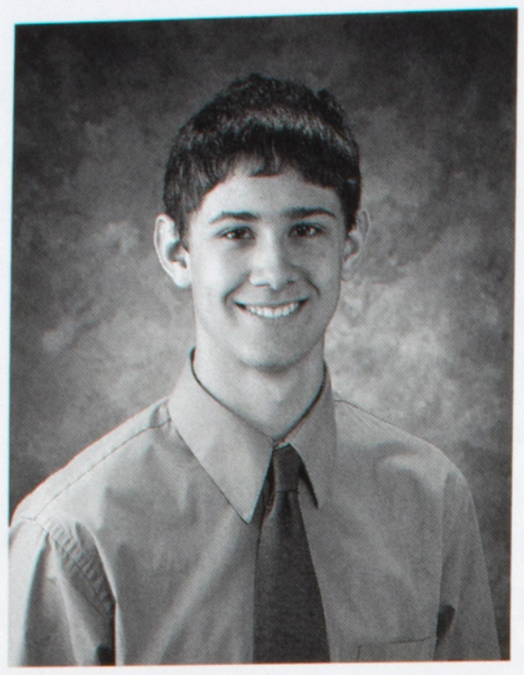


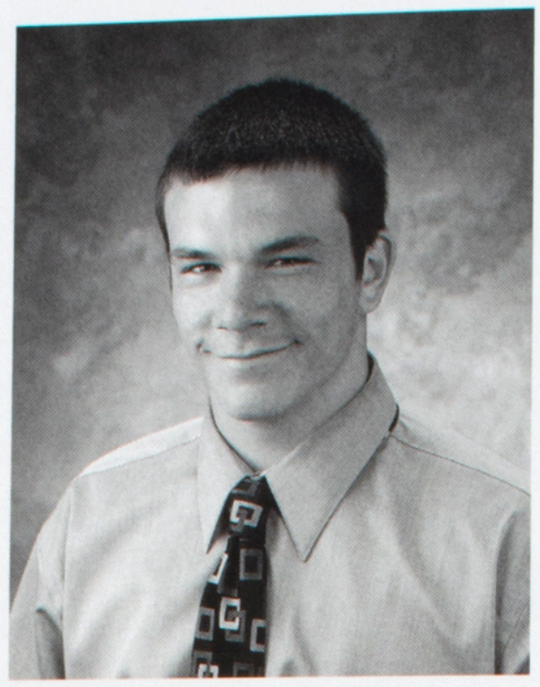


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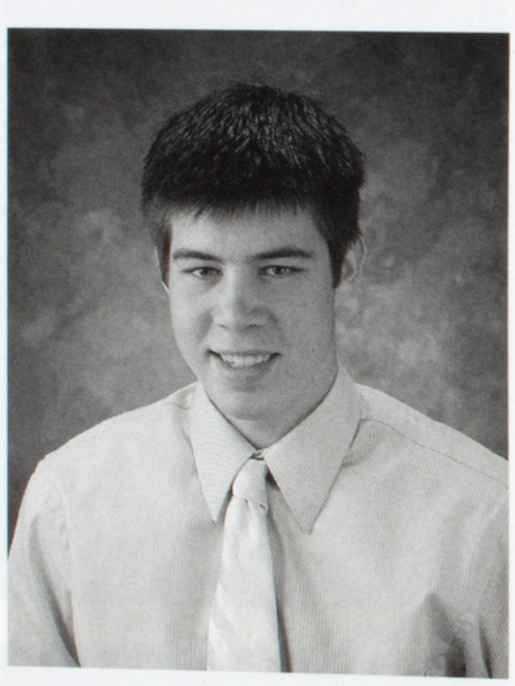


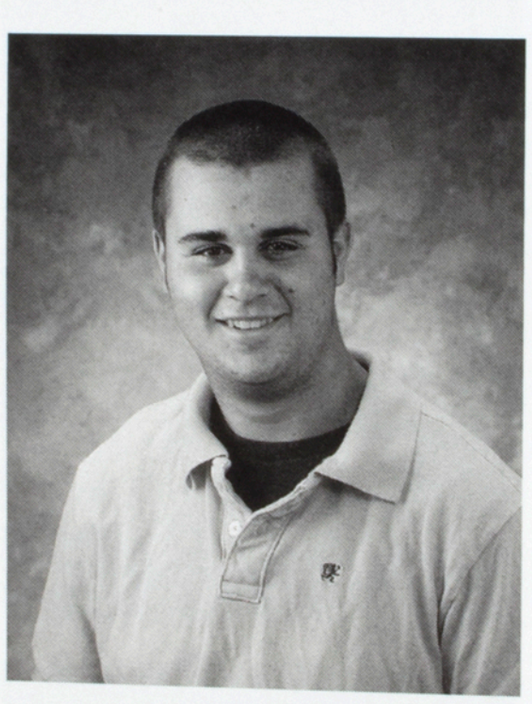
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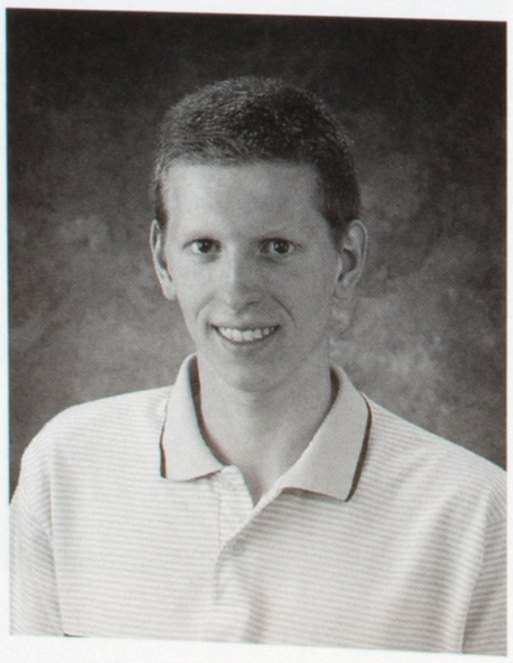




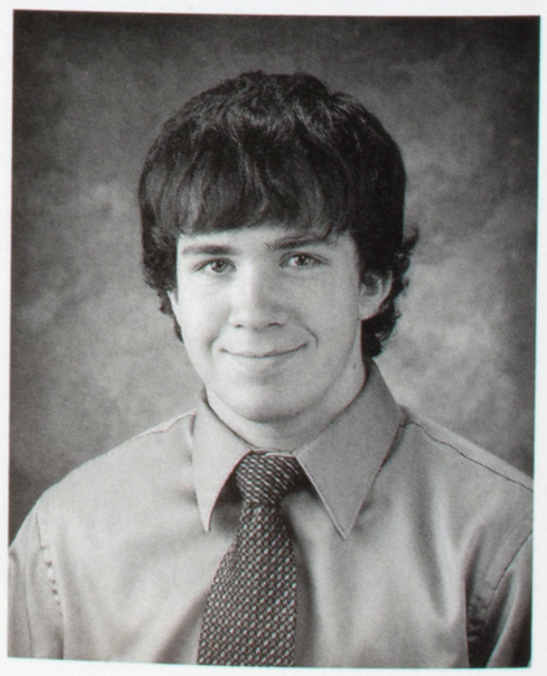




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By: Jack Capodice

One of the last things someone would expect a 17-year-old to be able to do is pilot a plane, but that is exactly what senior Logan Berryman can do.

On Nov. 21, 2008, Logan received his Private Pilot's License. With his license, he is allowed to pilot any single-engine land aircraft.

Logan was introduced to flying at a very young age by his dad, Brian Berryman, who is a captain for Southwest Airlines. Not long after learning how to fly with his dad, Logan began to think about becoming a pilot.

"It's always been a dream of mine to follow in his footsteps," Logan said.

For Brian, the dream was not necessarily for Logan to become a pilot, but that Logan was happy.

"The dream for me was for him to find something that really fulfills him and speaks to his soul. However, there was a small part of me that hoped he would find that fulfillment in flying," Brian said.

Logan and Brian both said that a 17-year-old becoming a pilot is very rare.

"You have to be very focused and determined, and it's unusual for someone his age to be

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that determined," Brian said.

However, being a pilot comes with its ups and downs.

Logan admits that one of the most nerve-wracking things about being a pilot is knowing that other people's lives are in your hands.

Ultimately, he feels that the nerves are a good thing.

"I think that it's something that bothers all pilots, but it's good in the sense that it makes us make safe, smart decisions," Logan said.

Senior Kieran Pereira went flying with Logan after he received his license, and appreciated the caution and care Logan took both on and off the ground.

"He really impressed me with how many precautions he took, both pre-flight and in the air. It was a cold day, and the plane hadn't been used in awhile, so Logan inspected every inch of it for about half an hour, and took nothing for granted which I really appreciated," Pereira said.

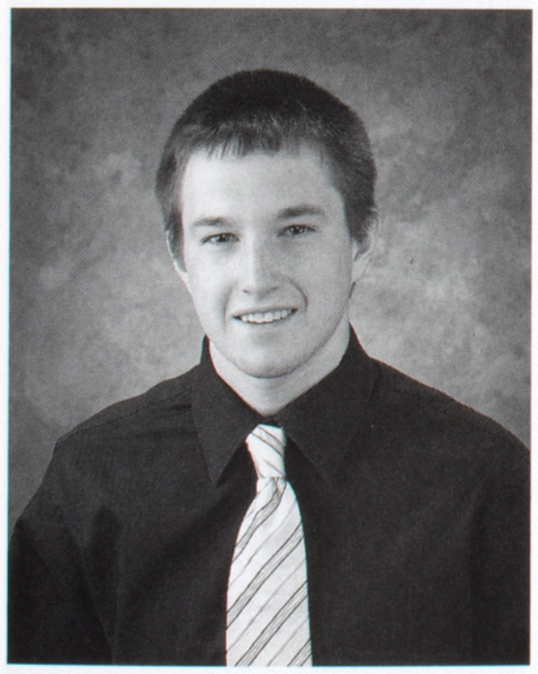
Logan plans on attending Lewis University to study aviation, and hopes to one day fly for a commercial airline company like Southwest.

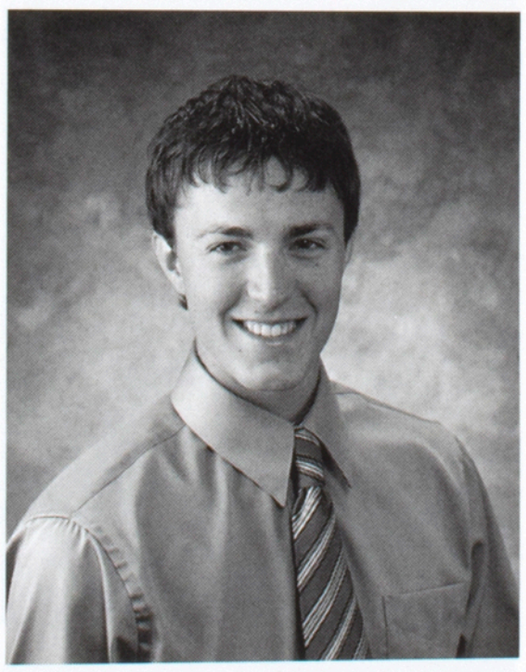
"It would be awesome to fly with my dad someday and be his co-pilot," Logan said.

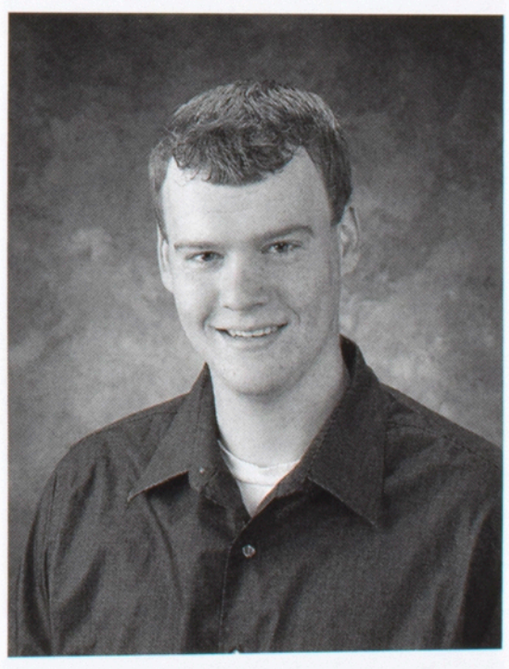


Senior Logan Berryman flies a private plane.
Photo courtesy of Logan Berryman

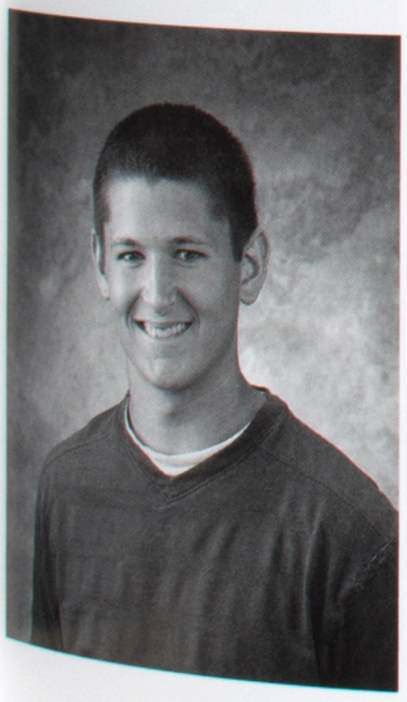


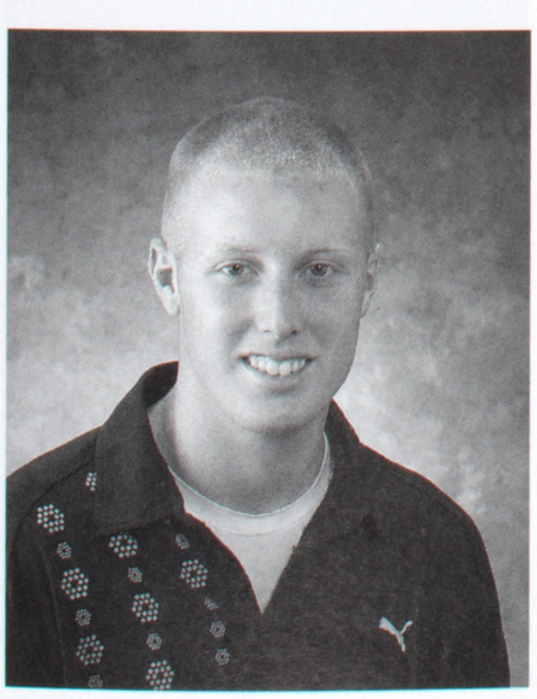






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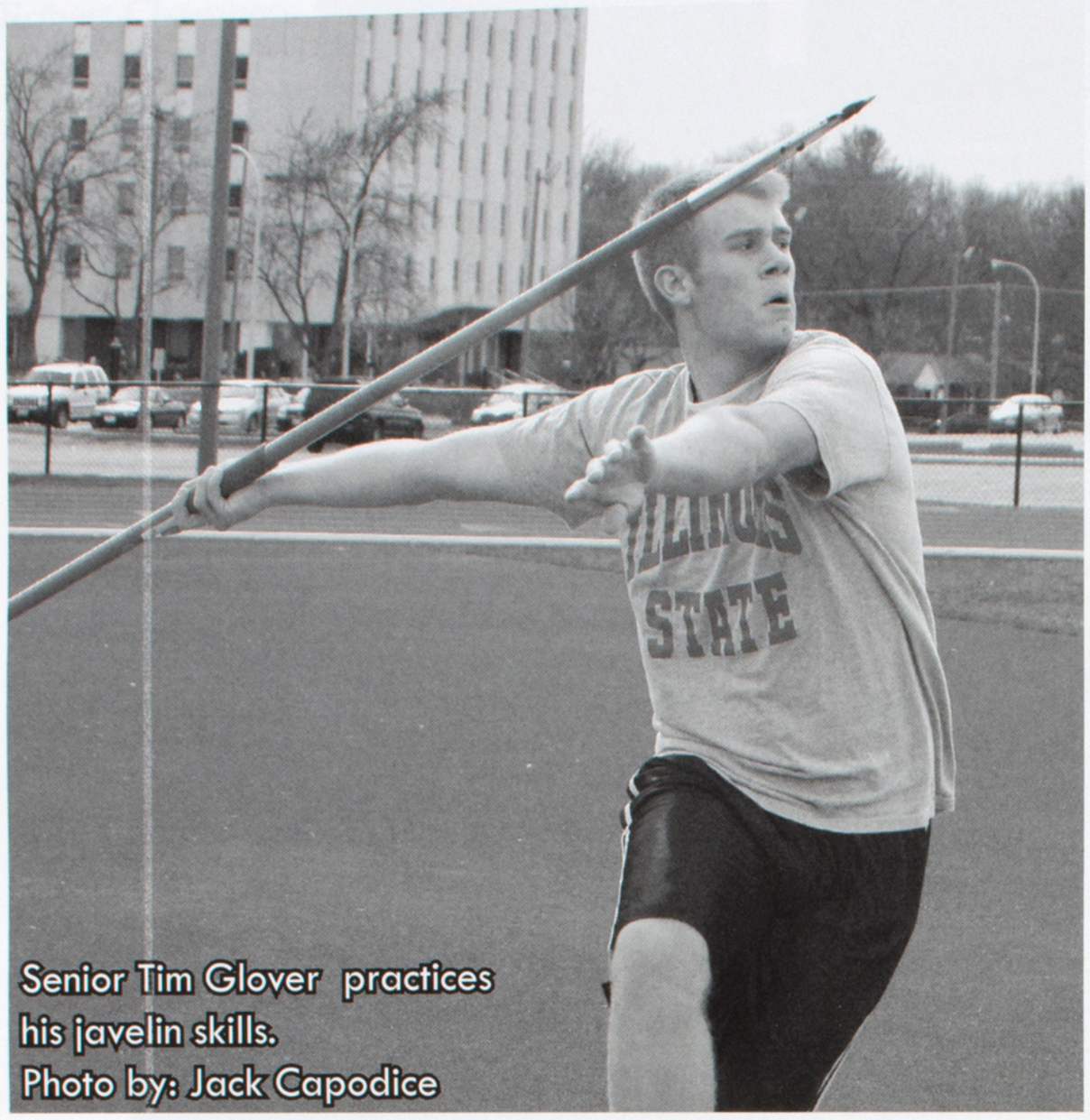






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STUDENT JAVELIN THROWER AIMS FOR 2016 OLYMPICS



Senior Tim Glover practices his javelin skills.
Photo by: Jack Capodice

By Leigh Huff

Senior Tim Glover has something that few have: the chance to participate in the Olympics, and be recognized internationally for his athletic ability. Even fewer can say they may achieve this with a javelin.

Tim has been throwing javelin for the last eight years, and the effort and dedication show. With an average of 20 feet per year increase he has shown remarkable progress, and just recently won the AAU and USA Youth Outdoor titles.

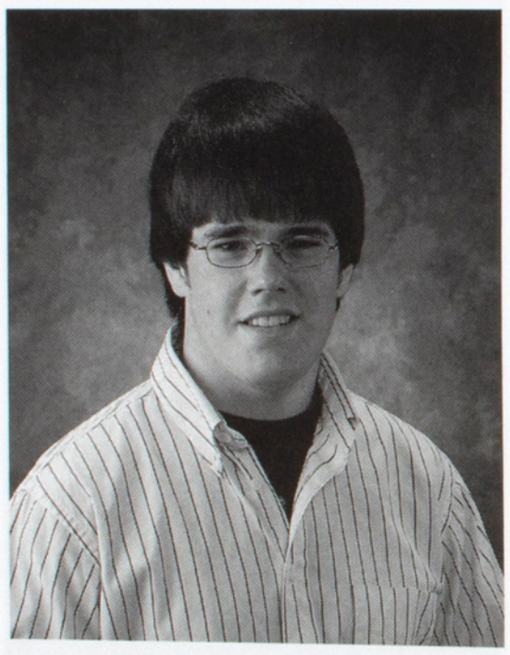
Javelin is a major part of Tim's life. Social aspects often come second to track events.

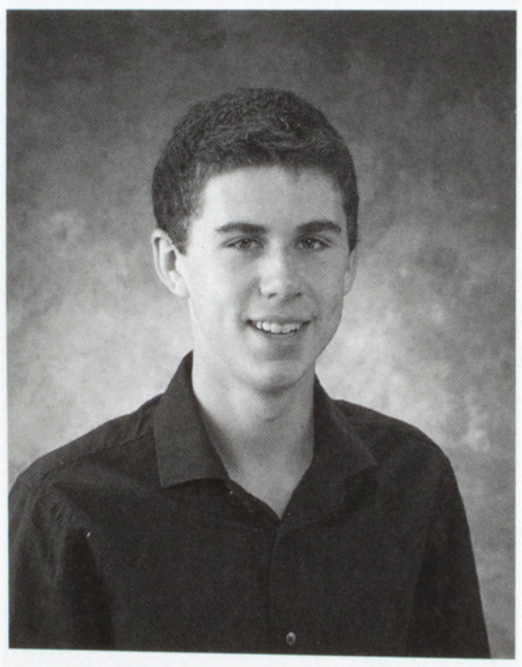
"Tim gives up a lot as a teenager," Tim's mother, Barb Glover said. "His whole-hearted dedication is rewarded well, however."

With an official throw of 204' 9", Tim could already compete in the Olympics for some countries. He, however, does not hope to reach the Olympics until 2016 because he doesn't want his athletic dreams to derail his college plans.

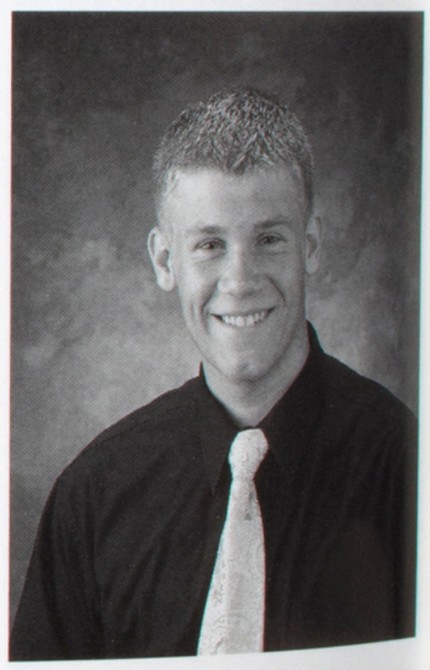
"I want to take as much advantage of the opportunity as I can," Tim said.

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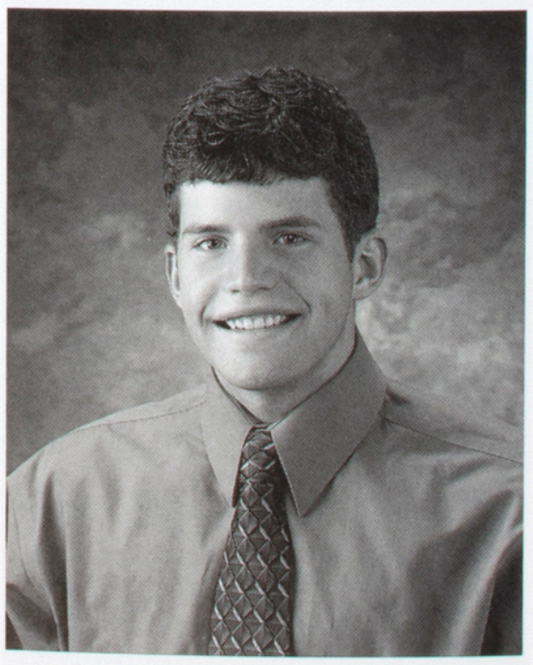


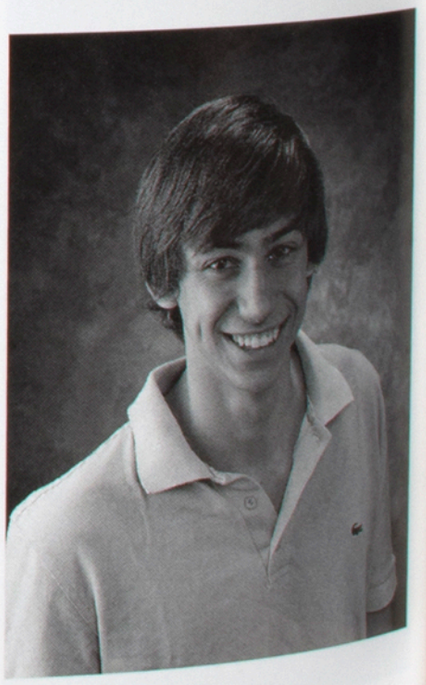


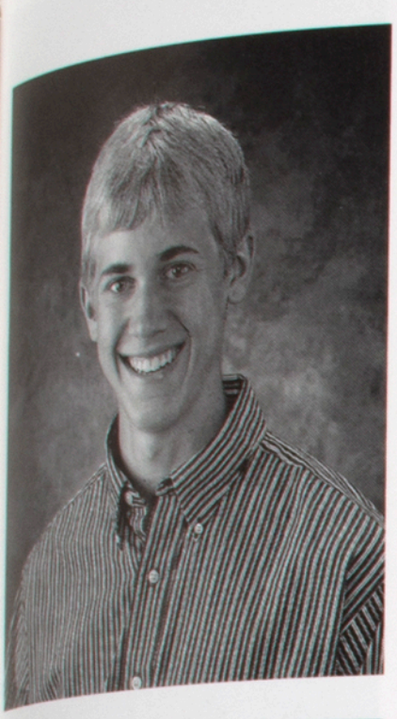
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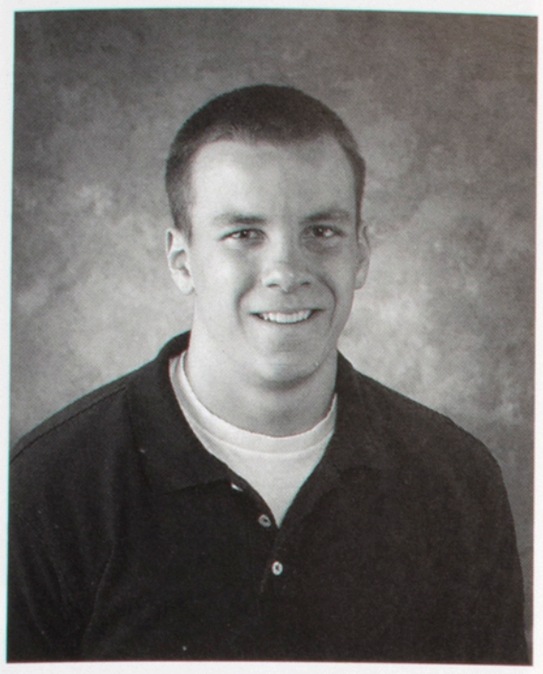




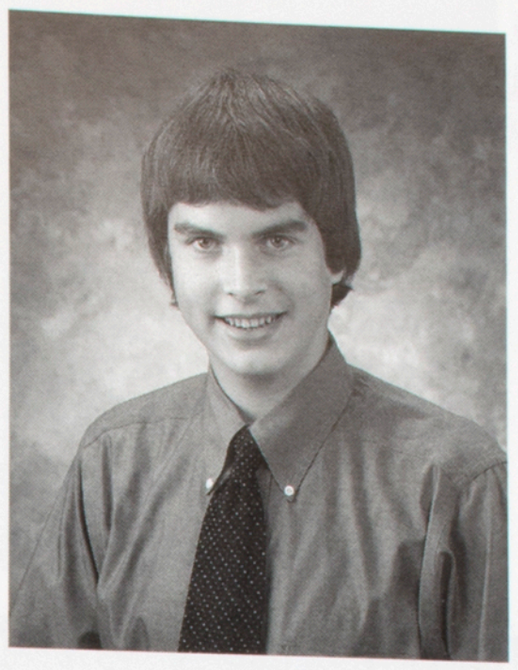








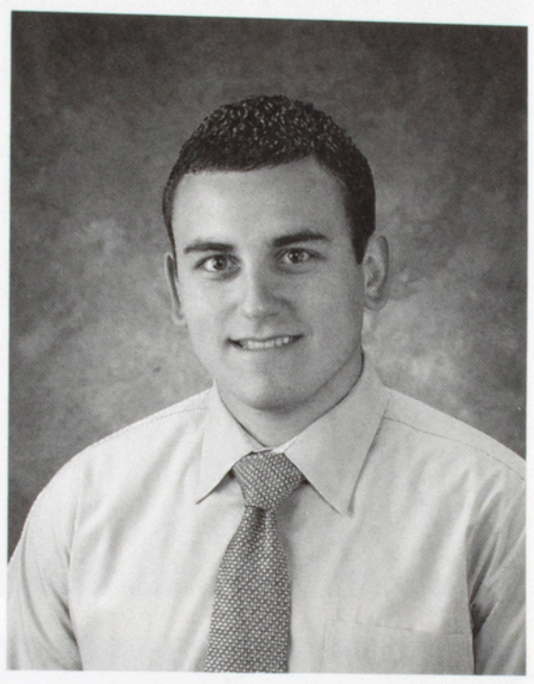


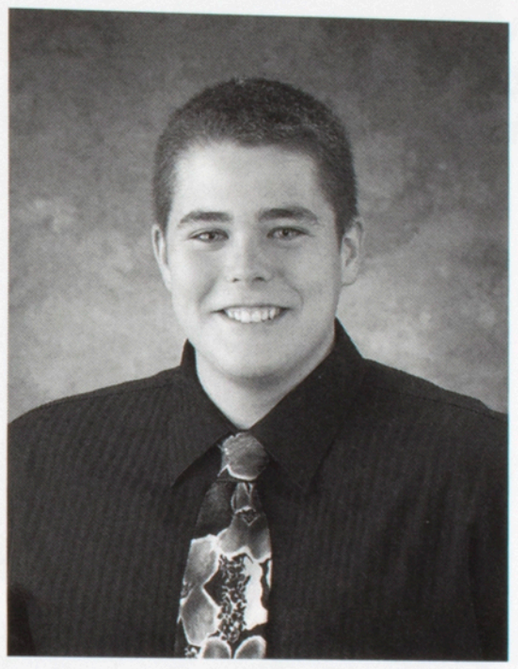


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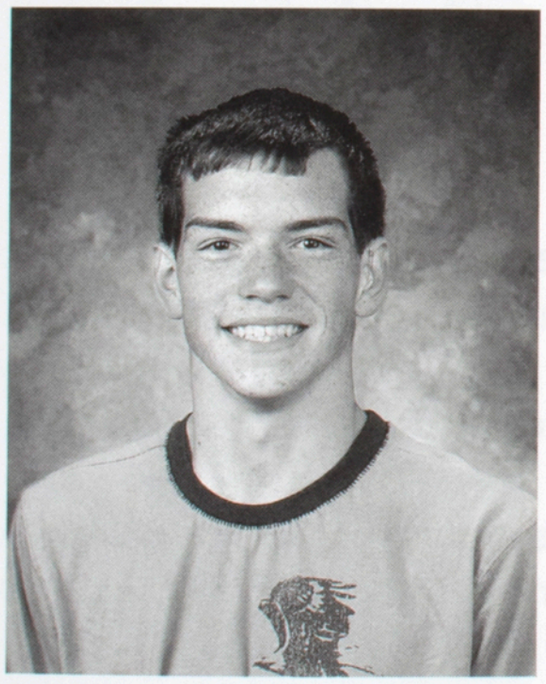


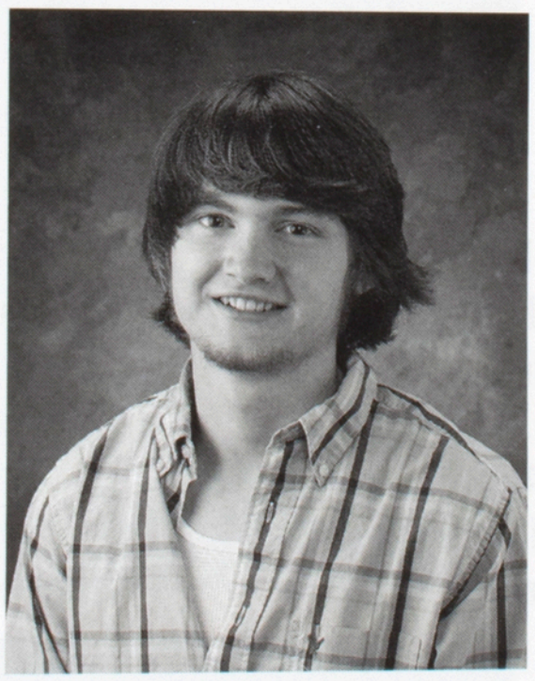


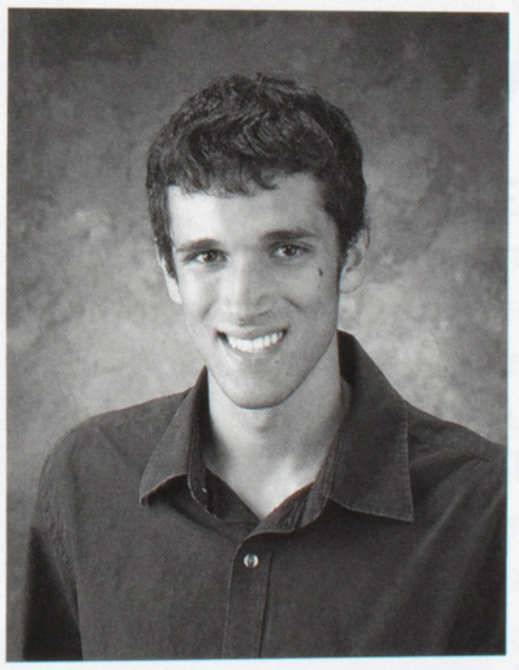


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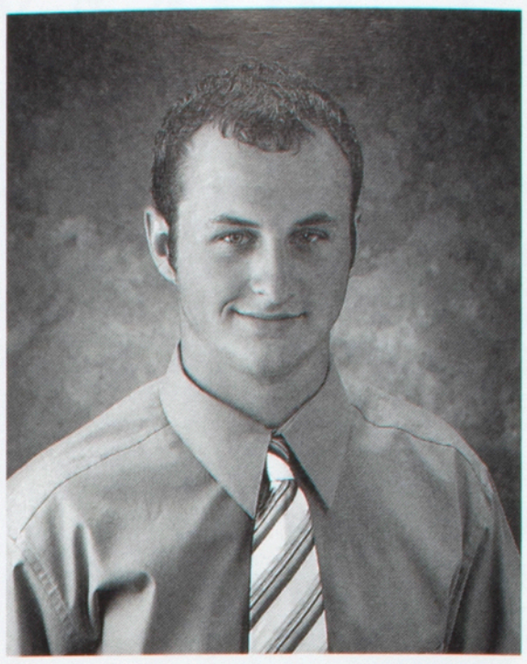


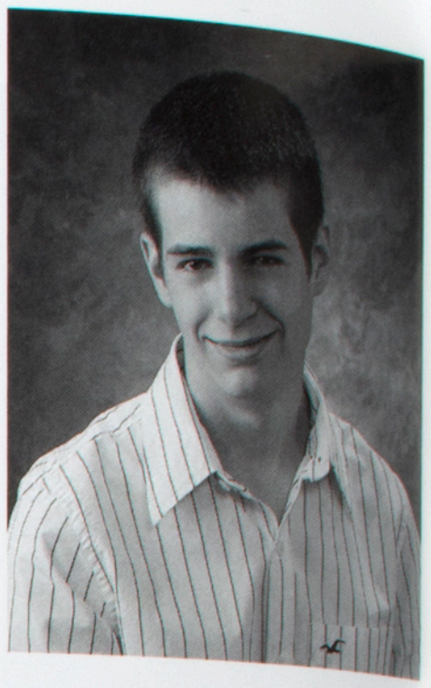
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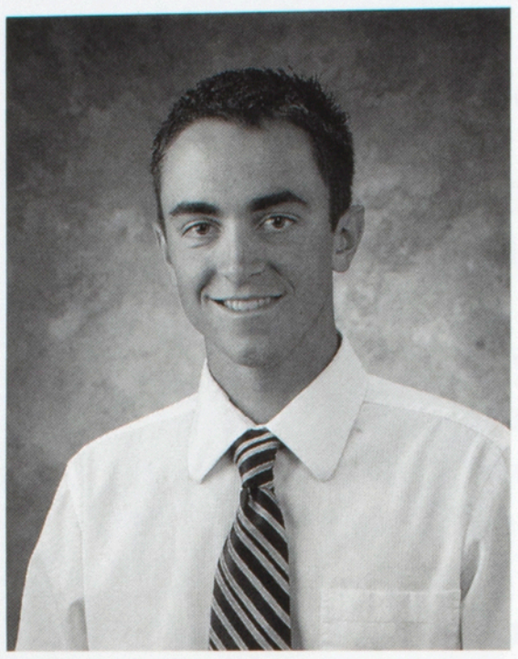






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BECOMING A MOTHER

By: Casie Golliday

"I am very proud of myself. A lot of people said that I probably wouldn't finish high school or graduate on time, but I proved them wrong," senior Khadijah Muhammad said.

On January 15 2009, at 10:04 a.m. KeShaun Preston Manney was born at OSF Medical Center weighing six pounds, nine ounces, and measuring 19 ½ inches long.

"I cried the first time I saw him. I was so happy to finally hold him in my arms and see him for the first time," Muhammad said.

Muhammad said she had a lot of support from family and friends during her pregnancy but especially from her aunts.

"My aunts gave me the most support even through the rough times. They went with me to appointments and answered any questions that I needed answered," she said.

Schooling was one of the issues that needed to be worked out during the duration of the pregnancy.

"When I found out I was pregnant the first person I talked to was the counselor. We talked about how I could still finish my classes and graduate on time by taking different online classes and getting a tutor for when I was home bound, provided by the school," Muhammad said.

Some of the online classes included parenting and interpersonal development.

"I made up all my work and currently have all A's. It felt good to get back to school and get back into things. I was able to get out of the house and see friends again," she said.

Now that the baby is born, Muhammad finds that it's not always easy.

"Any new mom will have trouble when things come up, like the baby getting sick. I just turn to other moms for advice," she said.

This experience has changed her as a person.

"I've become a different person. I'm more responsible. I now have another life that I have to care for and keep safe; it's not just me anymore," she said.

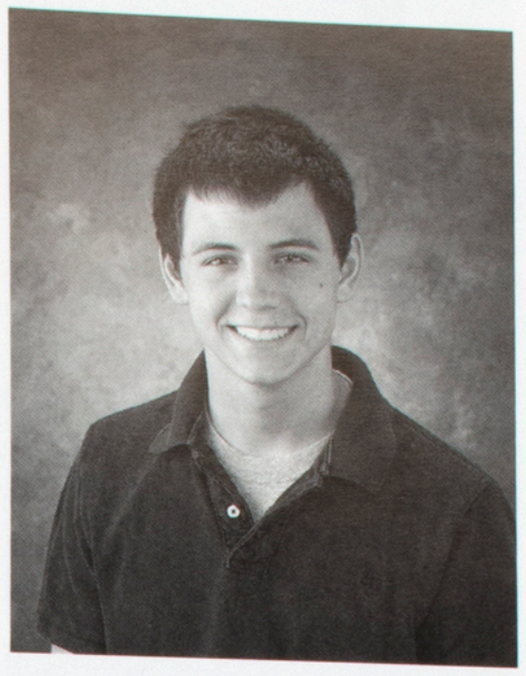
Muhammad is glad to have made the decision to stay in school and graduate.

"I'm glad I finished school. I can set an example for my son and other teen mothers. You just have to stick it out because it will be a great advantage in the future to have an education," she said.







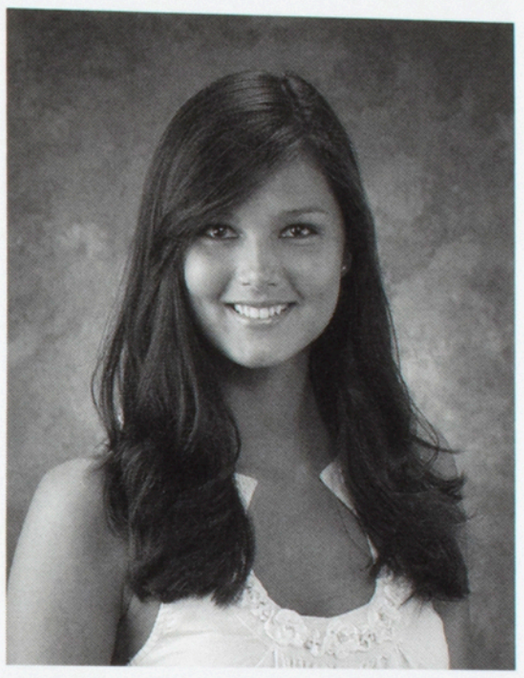


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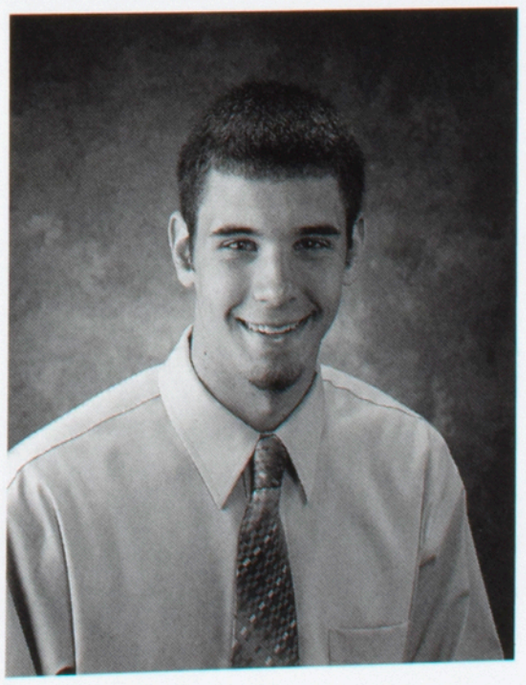






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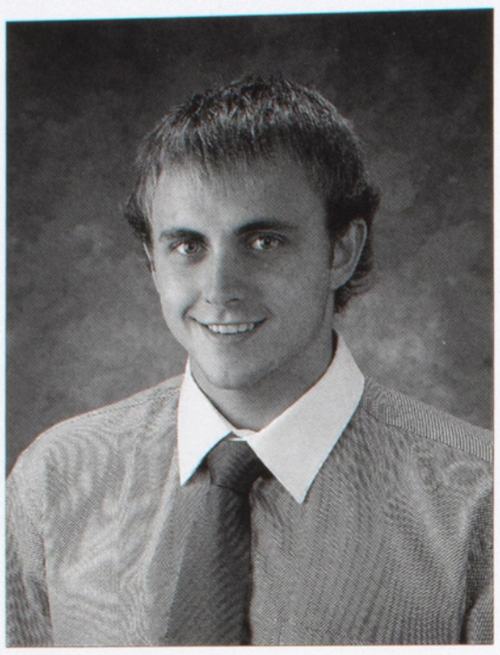
Senior Khadijah Muhammad kisses her newborn baby KeShaun.

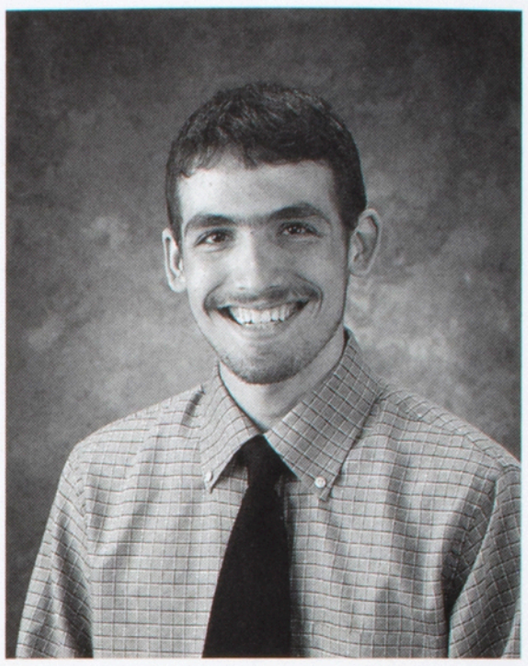
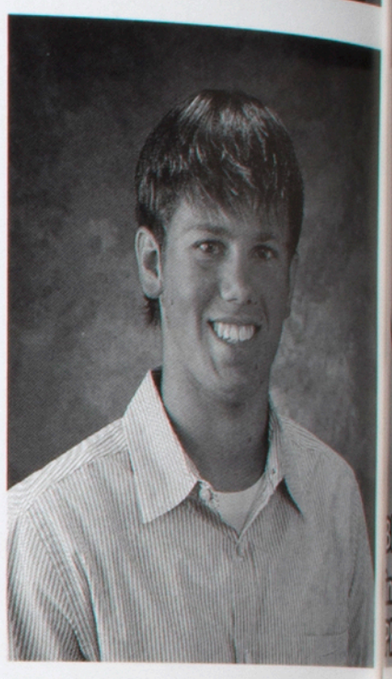
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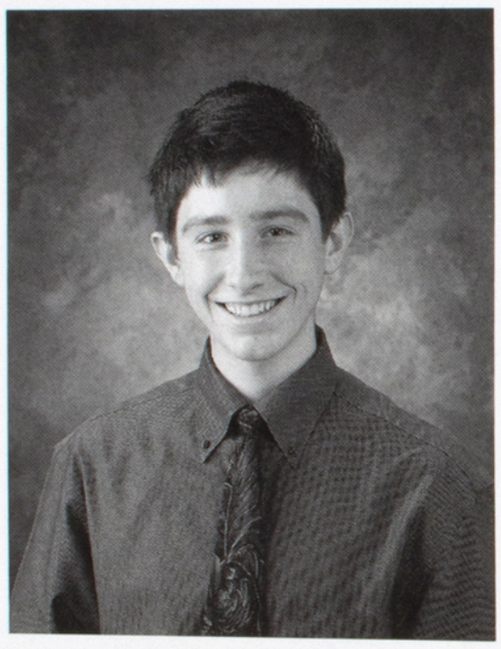
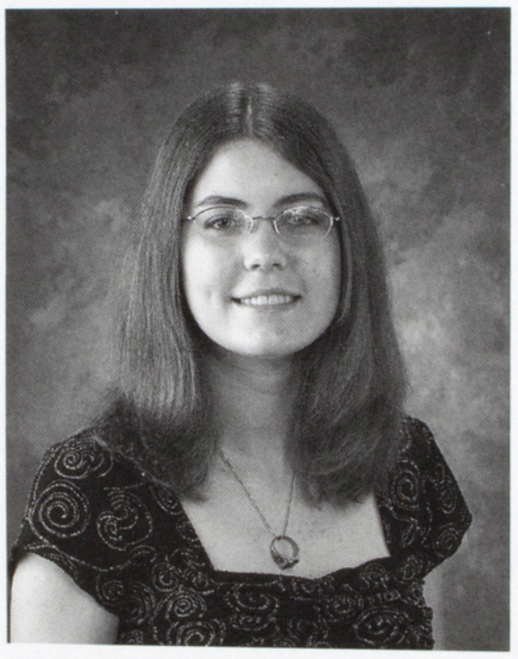
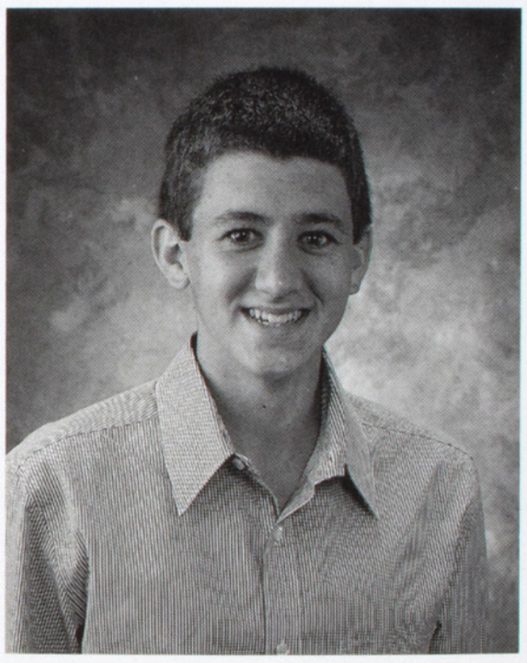



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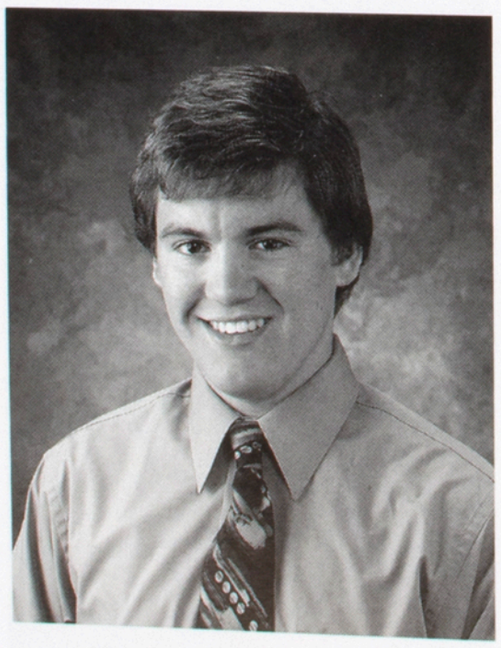


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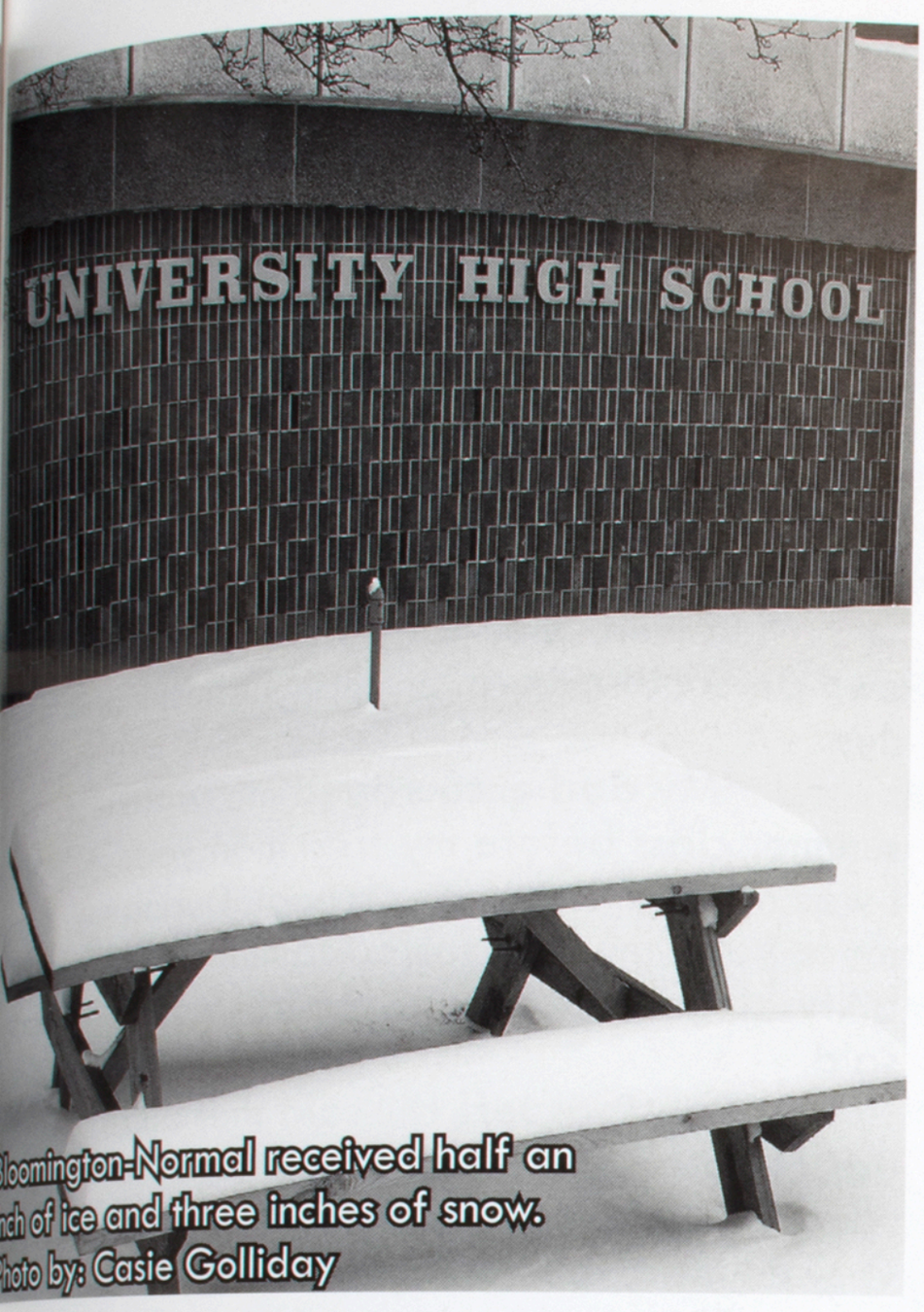

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EXTENDED WINTER BREAK

By Jack Capodice



Bloomington-Normal received half an
nch of ice and three inches of snow.
Photo by: Casie Golliday

On Wednesday, Jan. 14th, students awoke to snow on the ground, record low temperatures, and school cancelled.

It was the start of what would eventually become an unprecedented six day weekend.

"The 2008-09 school year could certainly be considered an outlier regarding school cancellations. During my 23 year tenure in the Laboratory Schools, there have never been four in a year or three consecutively," Superintendent of Laboratory Schools Robert Dean said.

The increased number of cancellations led senior Sebastian Grobe to believe that the administration was getting more liberal with school cancellations.

Assistant principal Steve Wilder disagreed, saying that the cancellations were necessary.

"I don't think we've gotten softer, but I think there has been increasing concern about the safety of students and being more conservative. The ultimate goal is student safety," Wilder said.

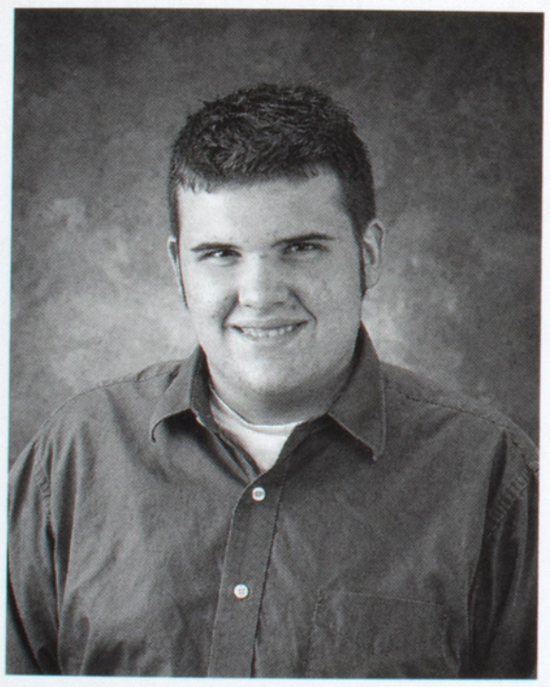
The cancellations raised concern about whether or not seniors would be required to make up the days that were missed. Not long after the question was raised, the administration announced that the seniors did not have to make up the days, but the rest of the student body did.

"I would have been upset if we had to come back because seniors from other schools said they didn't have to," senior Reid Butts said.

Junior Austin Nord disagreed with the administration's decision and thought it was unfair that seniors didn't have to make up the extra days.

"Seniors don't have elite status, but should be recognized for their efforts as they are so close to Graduation. The remainder of the students aren't less worthy, but are in different circumstances," he said.



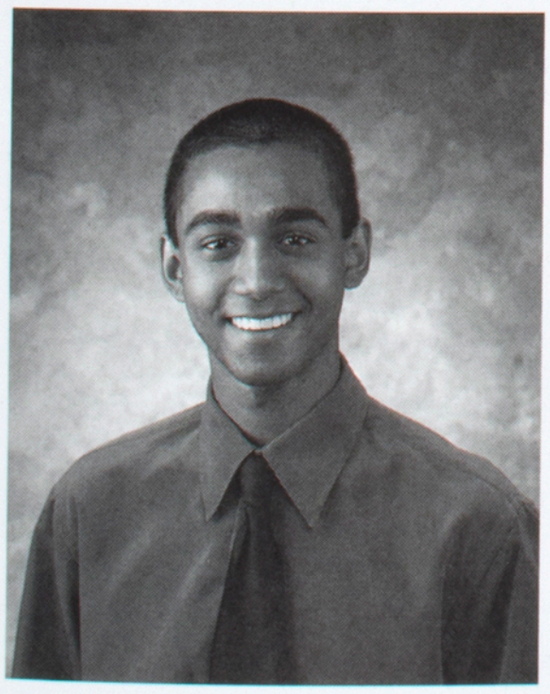




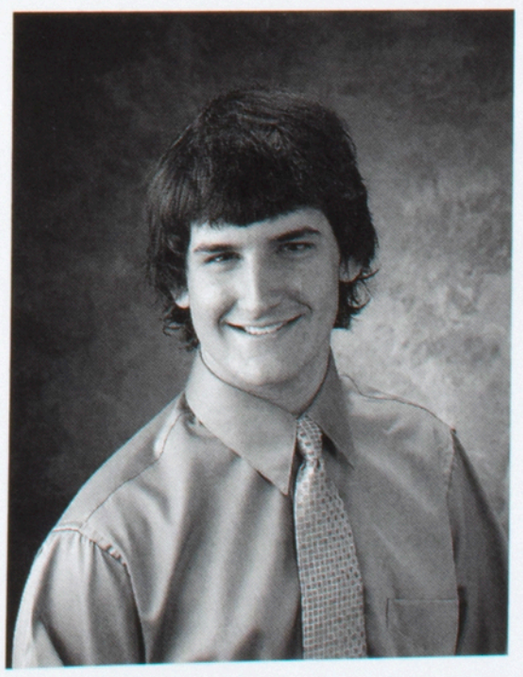


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GOING THE

By Jack Capodice

High school is a process that takes four years. Senior Aaron Barton however, will be graduating in only three years.

In order to do this, Barton had to be on track to having the 24 required credits, with the necessary amount in each category, by then end of the year.

In addition to having the required credits, Barton also had to receive permission from the counselors and administration.

Barton said that it was his family, and his own personal motivation that pushed him to do this.

"My dad encouraged me to take a summer class before my freshman year. After that, I was hooked on summer school. During my sophomore year, my dad talked to me about the possibility of graduating early, and I was sold," Barton said.

Principal Jeff Hill said that allowing Barton to graduate early was not a hard decision.

"He had a well thought out plan, so I felt very comfortable letting him do it," Hill said.

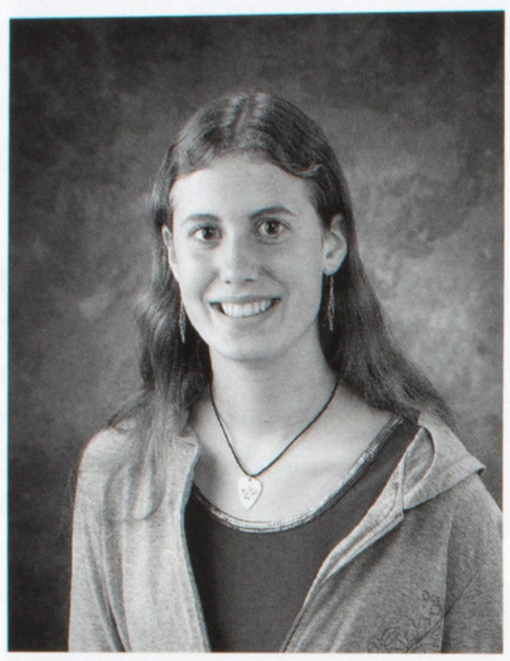
Barton plans on receiving a Bachelor's degree in some field of business at ISU and a

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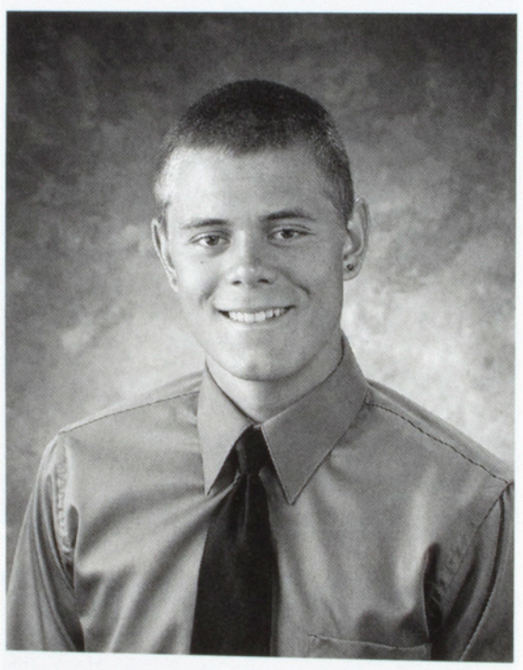
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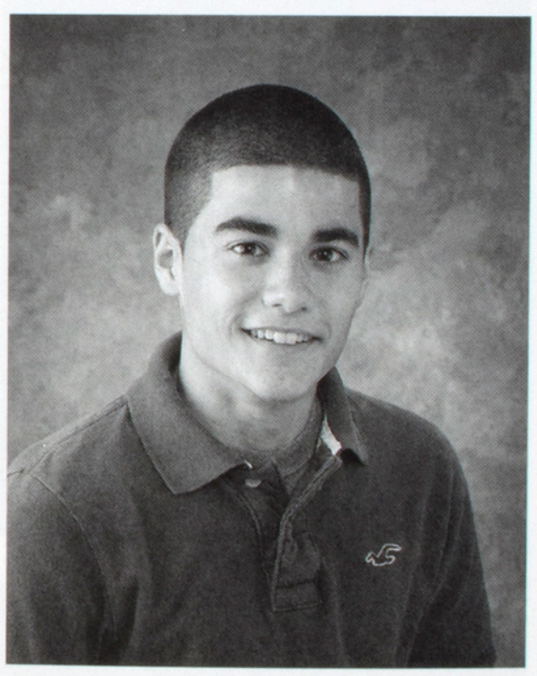




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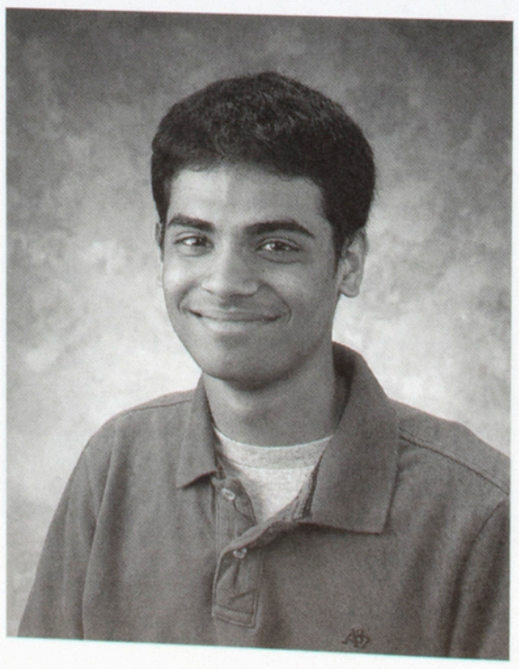


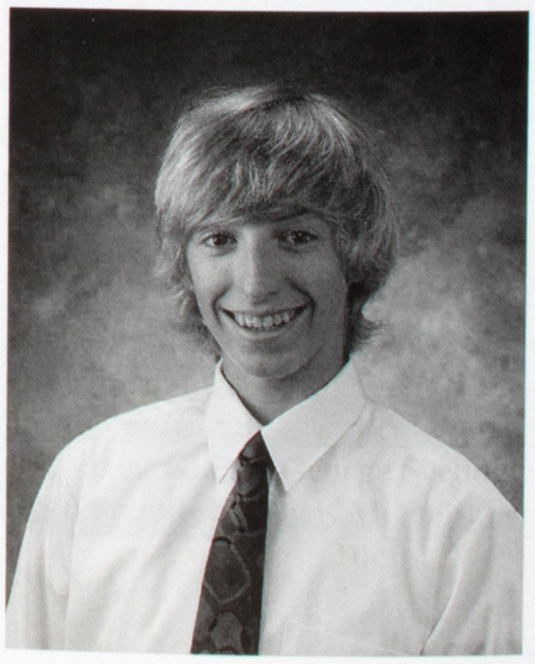




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EXTRA MILE

Master's degree in athletic administration at the University of Illinois.

Barton said that he enjoys the fact that he will get a head start towards his career, and is currently looking into being an athletic director or a baseball coach.

"Both of those would be an awesome job, and I think I'd be good at either one," he said.

Hill said that a student graduating a full year early is a rare occurrence that happens maybe once a year. However, no students graduated a full year early last year.

Hill said that he was impressed with Barton's accomplishment as well as his character.

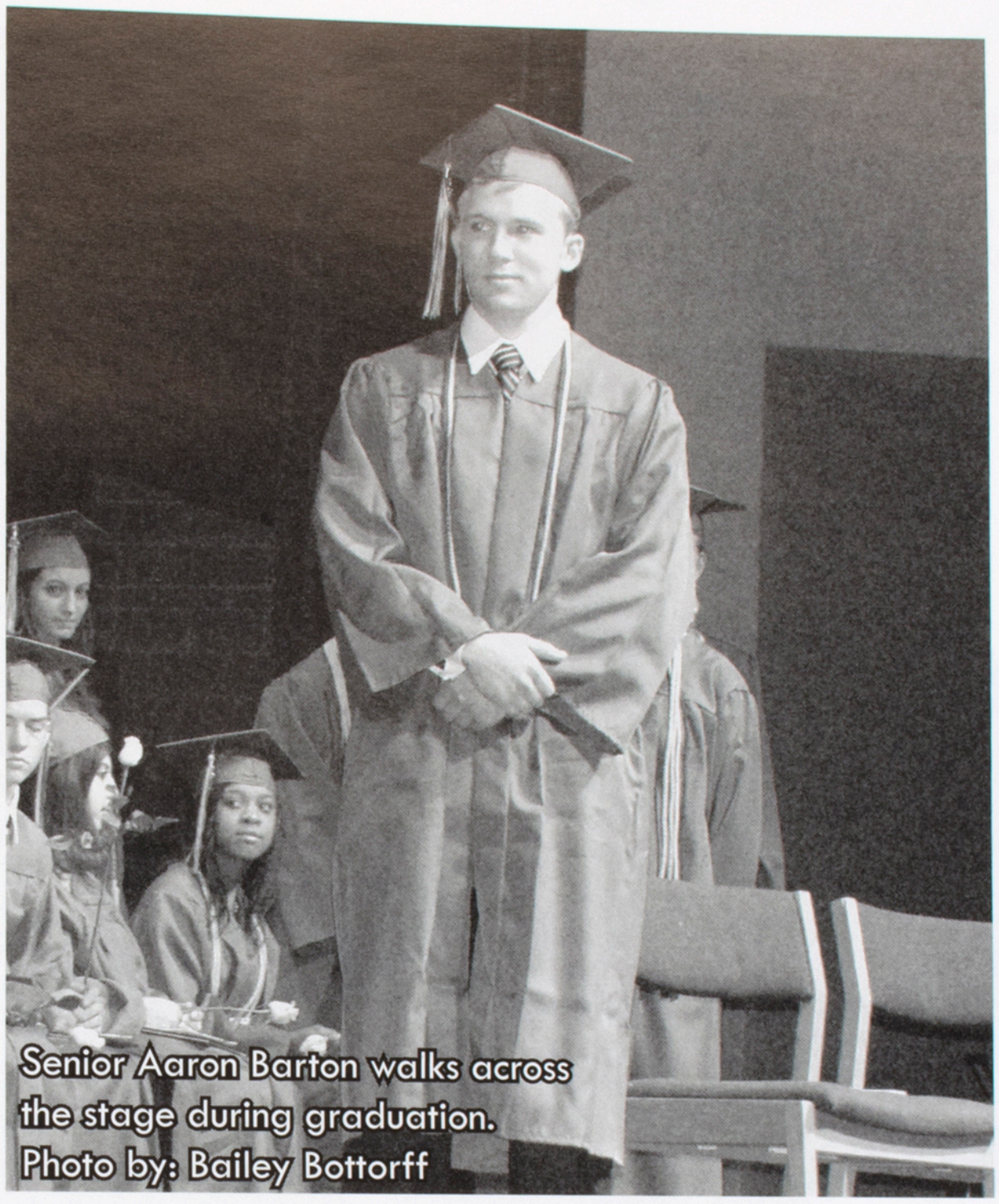
"He seems highly organized, disciplined, and very motivated," he said.

Barton has taken classes at ISU and Heartland Community College and said that U-High's policy towards students taking college classes is what ultimately made this possible for him.

"U-High is special in the sense that you can take college classes and get dual credit," Barton said.

Hill agreed that the policy is very helpful for students like Barton.

"We try to be as flexible as we can with the learning options that are available," he said.



Senior Aaron Barton walks across the stage during graduation.
Photo by: Bailey Bottorff







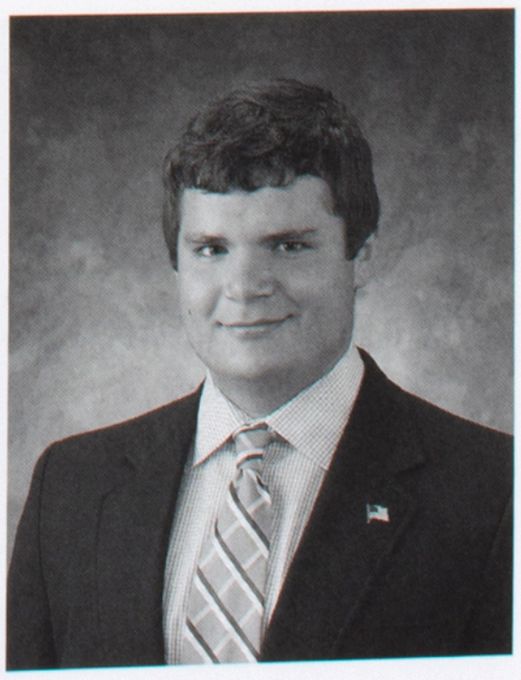


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PRACTICAL DIVERSITY

By Leigh Huff

Second semester of her junior year, senior Brittany Evans had a once in a lifetime opportunity: to live on a Native American reservation.

The reservation, in Winslow Arizona, was home to tribes Navajo and Hopi. Evans attended Winslow High School while living with her maternal grandmother, Barb Smith.

"Living in Arizona was a very different experience. Not a lot of people get the possibility to see first-hand what happened to the native people of America," Evans said.

Evans greatly valued spending time with her family and learning about the history of her ancestors.

"It was great that Brittany could learn how her distant family was treated, though it was tough to have her gone so long," Brittany's mother, Yvette Evans, said.

The problems with the reservation were of great importance to Evans. She helped the high school she attended at the Reservation by having a book-drive here at U-High in the fall of her senior year. Evan's goal was to provide the students with text books, a necessity missing from the education.

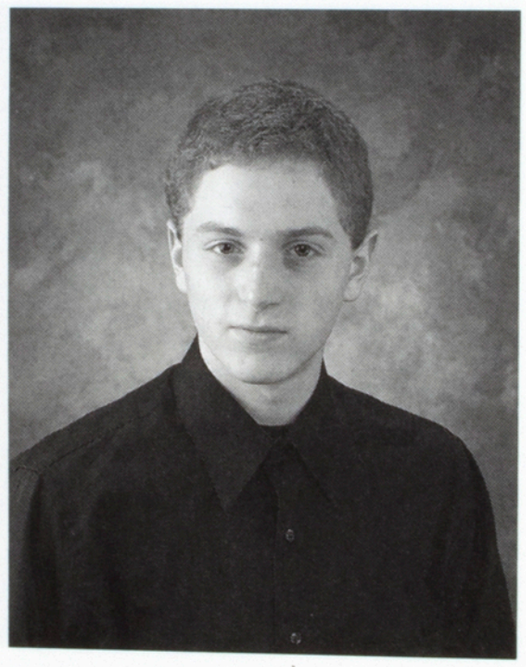
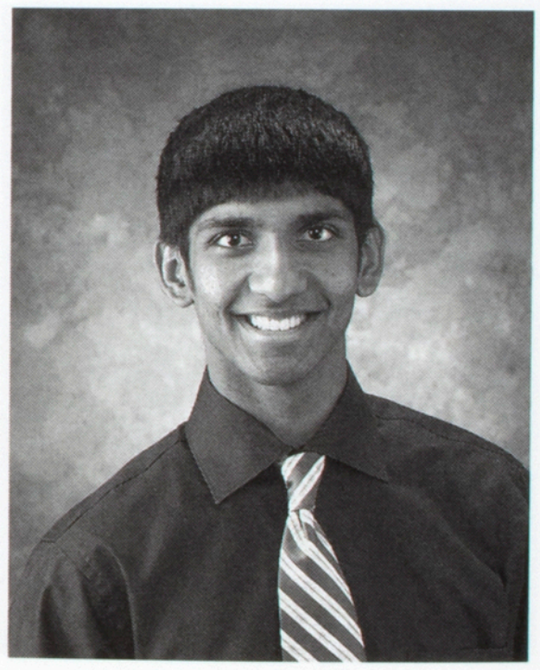
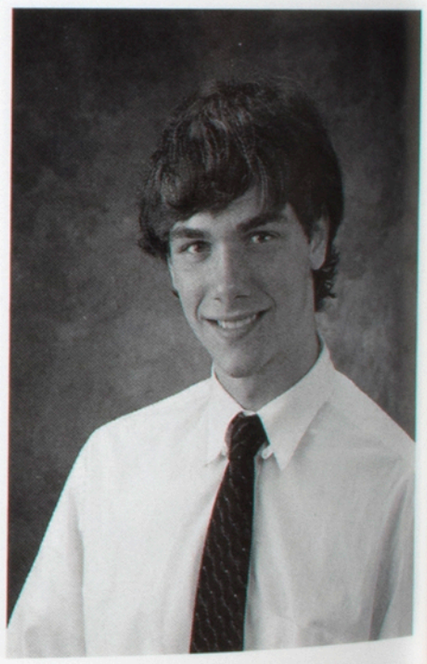
"I almost didn't realize just how lucky we are here in Bloomington Normal. When you have four textbooks for a class of twenty, you really come to appreciate the prosperity of this area," Evans said.

Partly because of her experience in Winslow, Evans plans to major in International Relations at American University in Washington D.C.

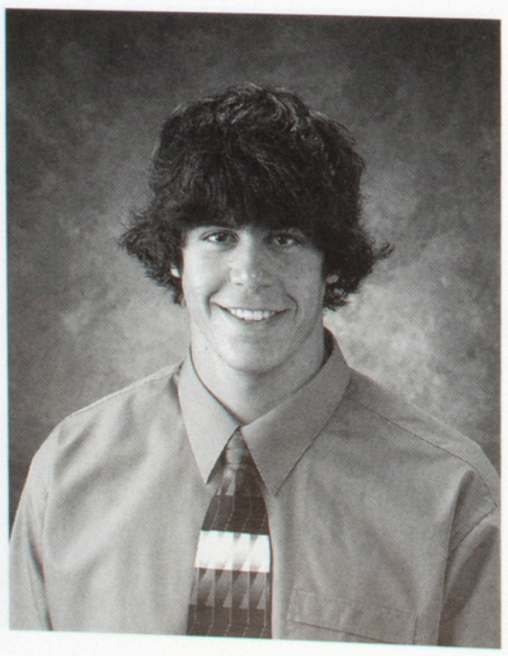
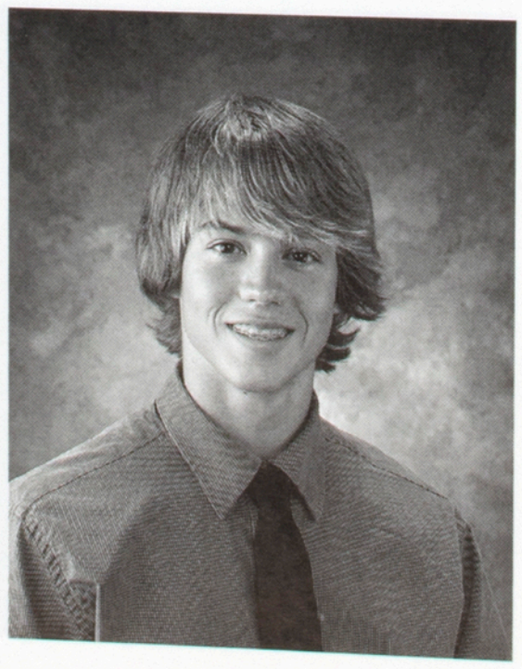


The Winslow reservation.
Photo courtesy of Britany Evans

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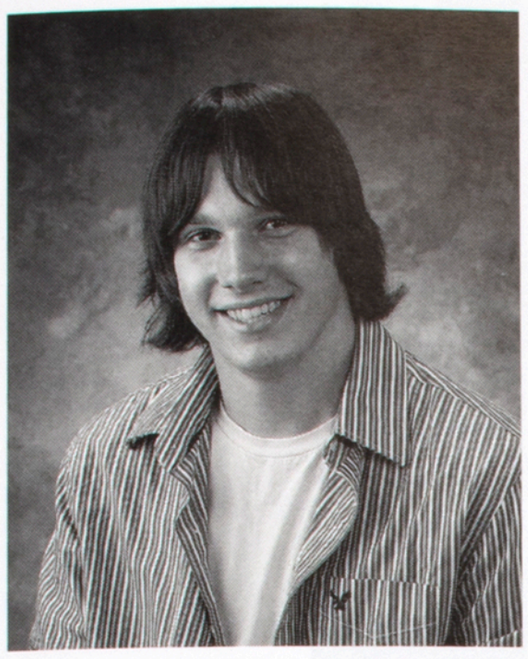





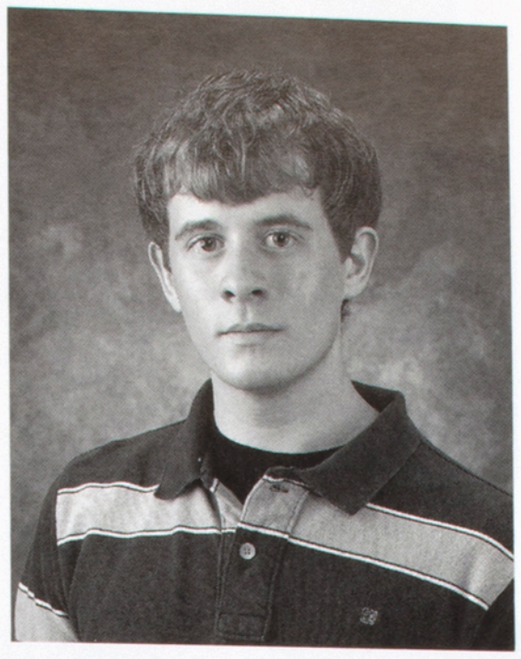
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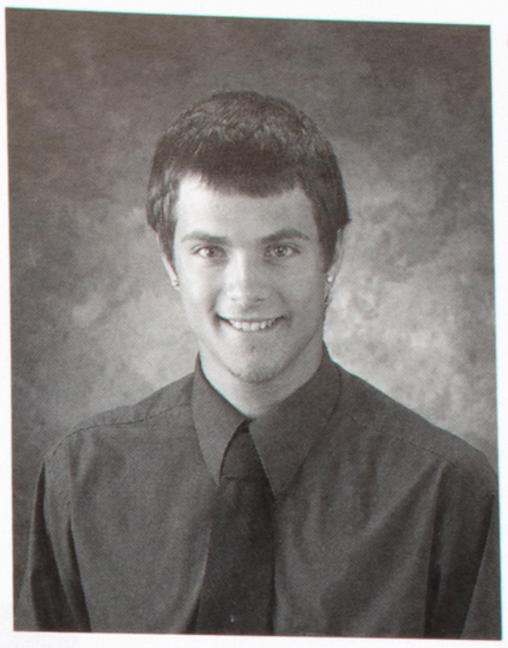











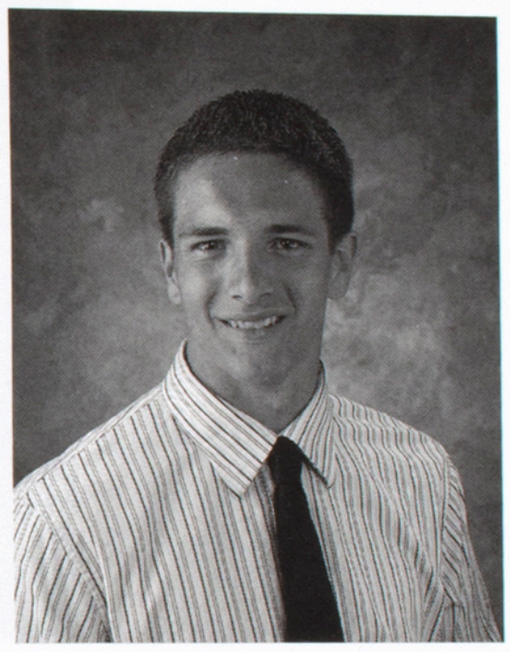


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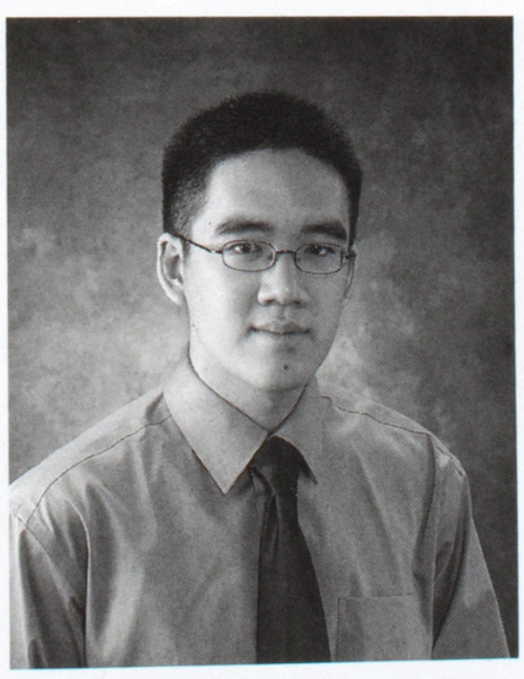




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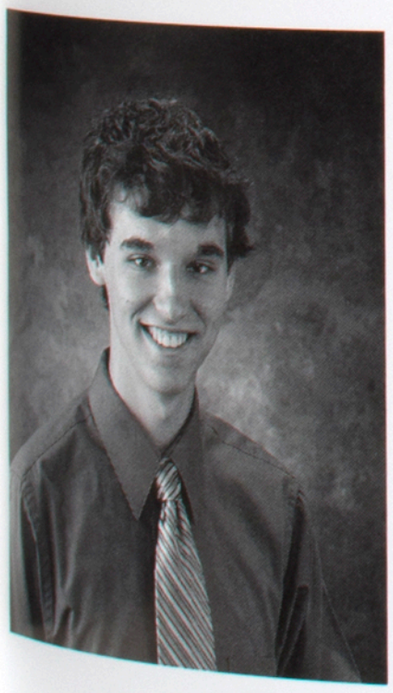


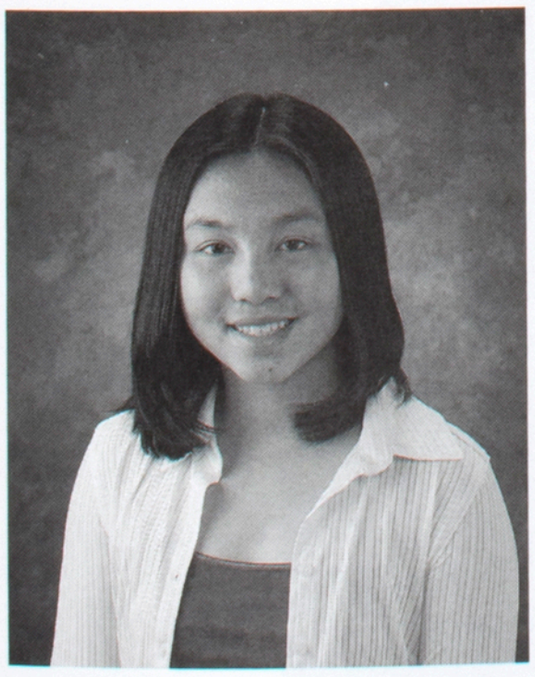


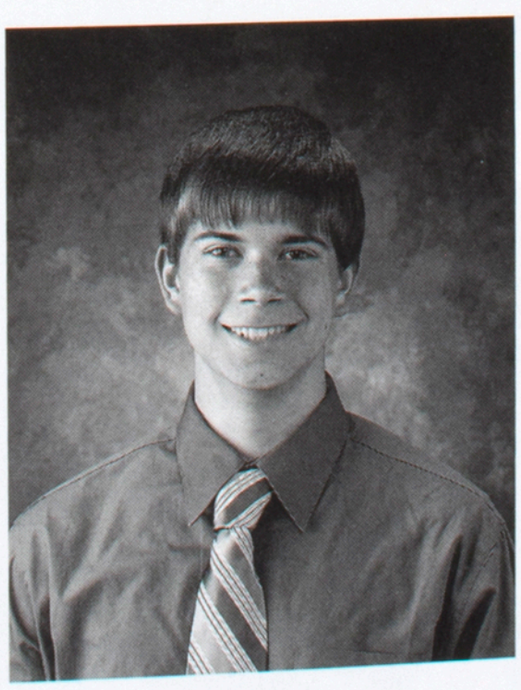


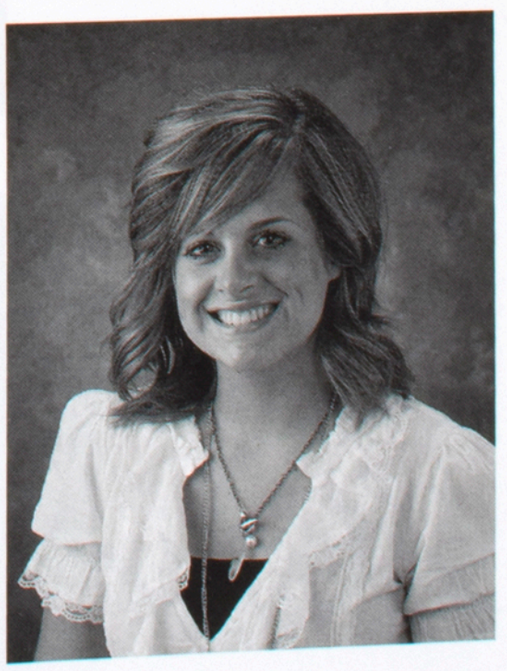


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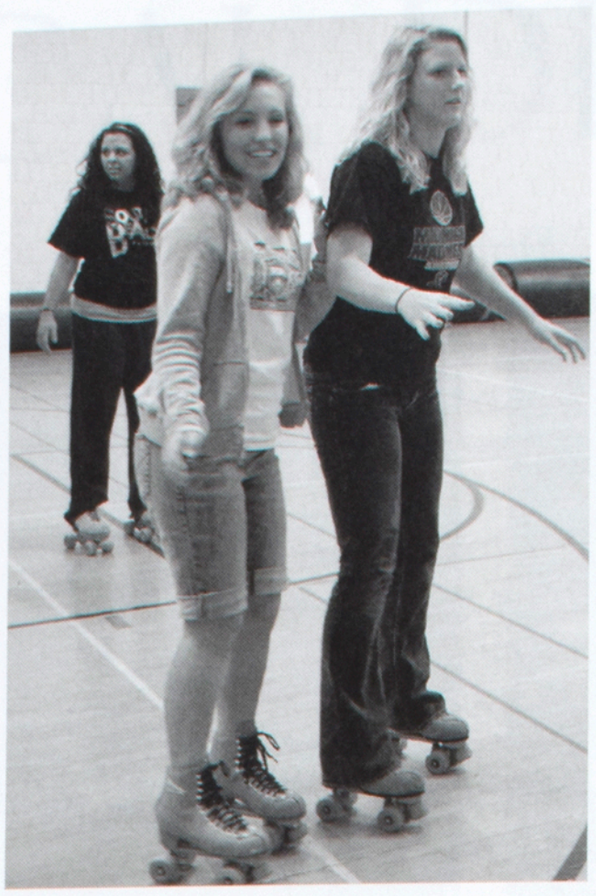


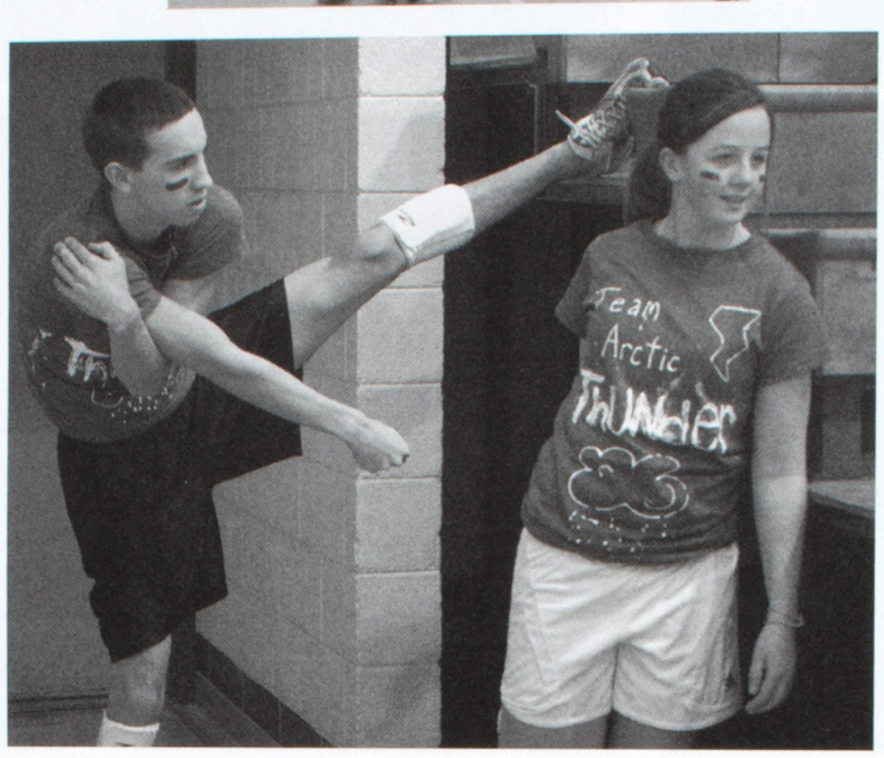


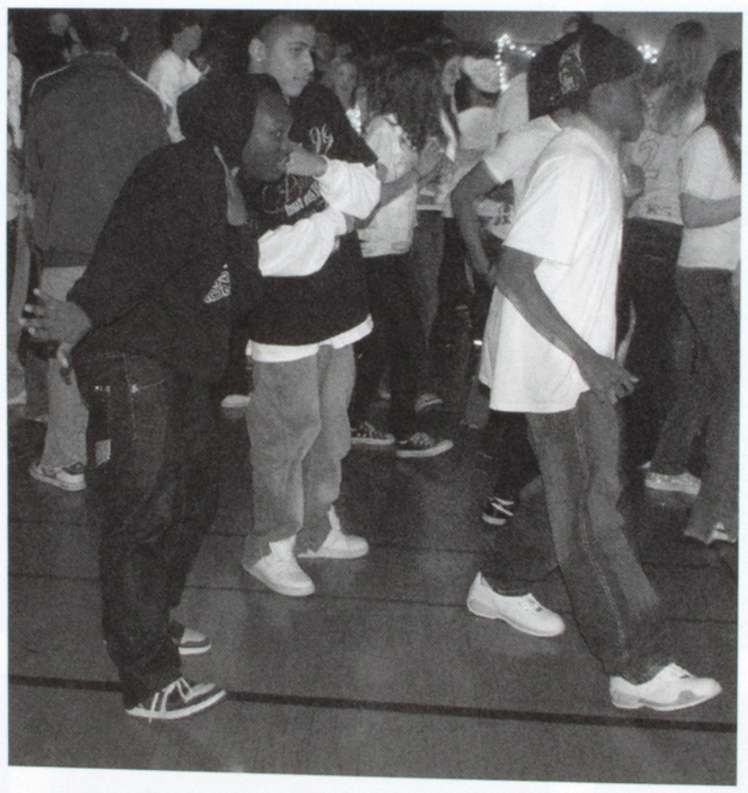




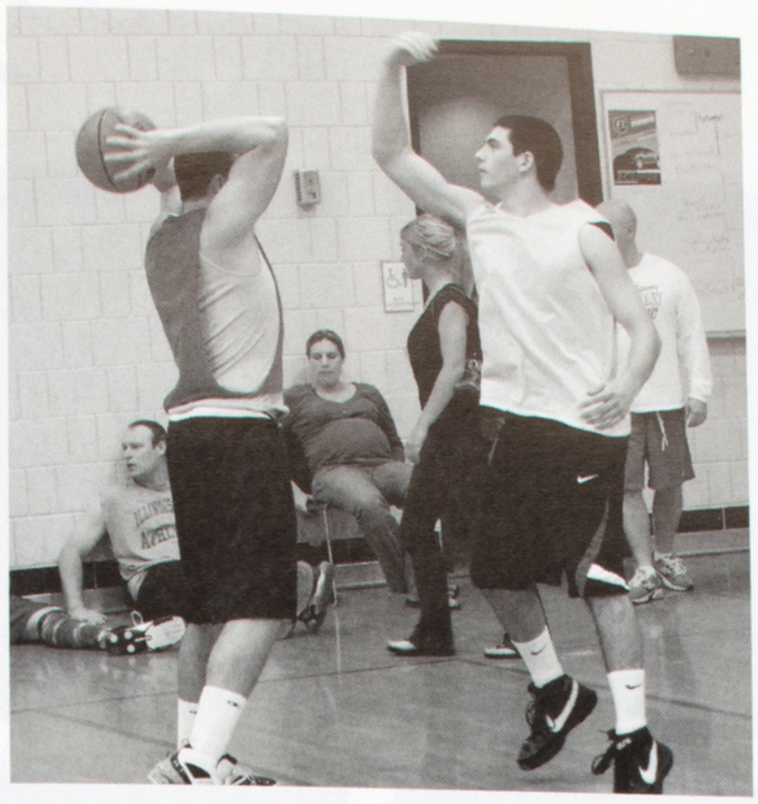
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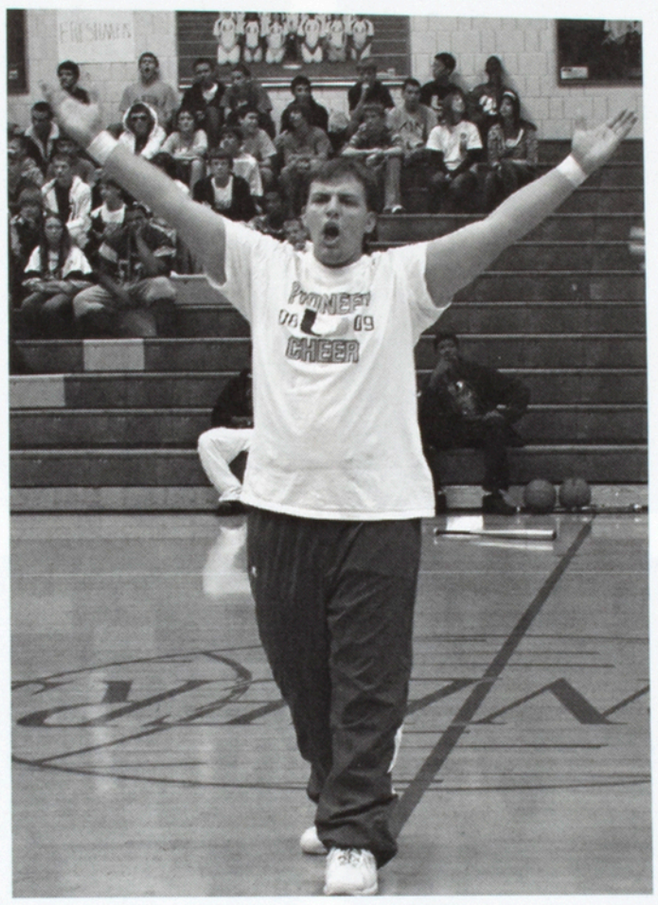



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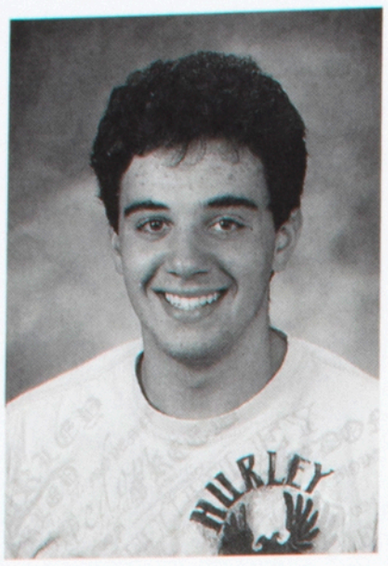
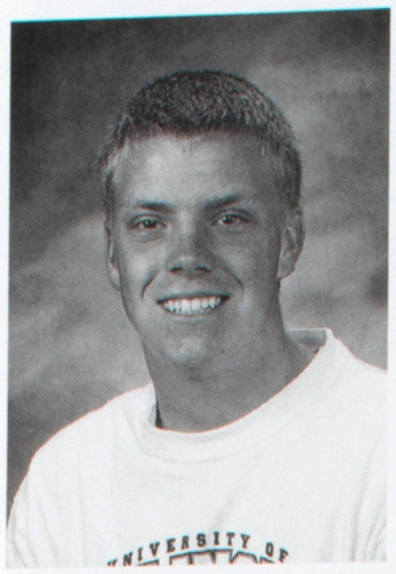
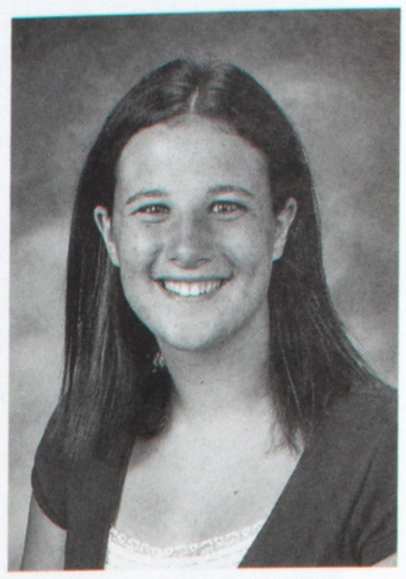


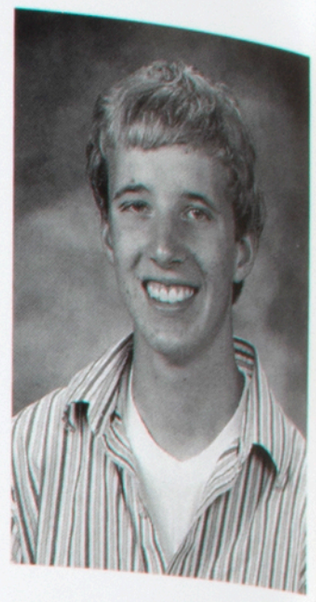




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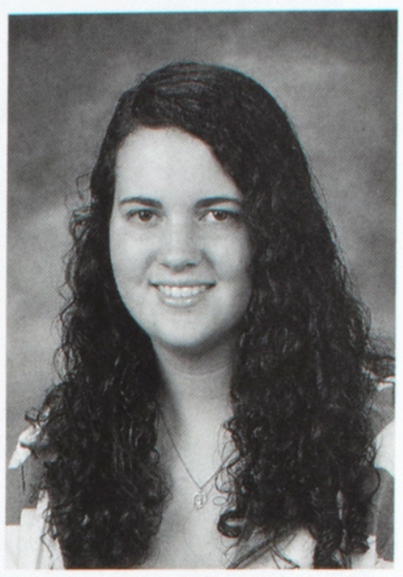
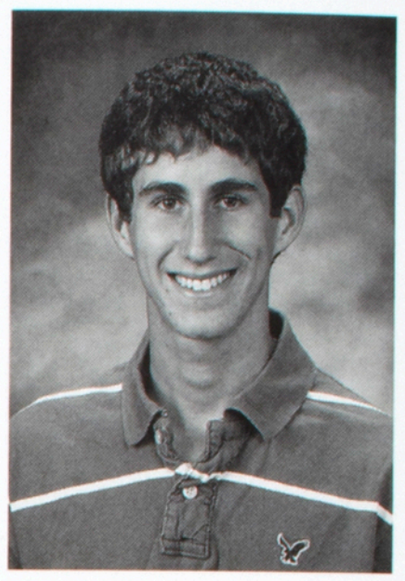
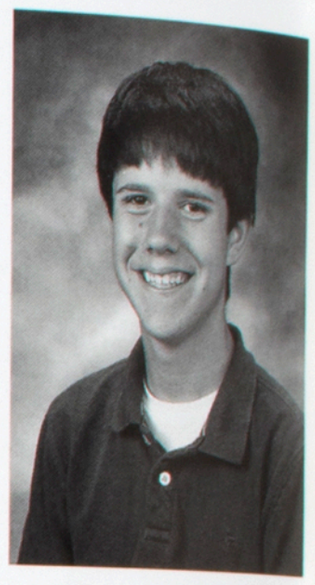
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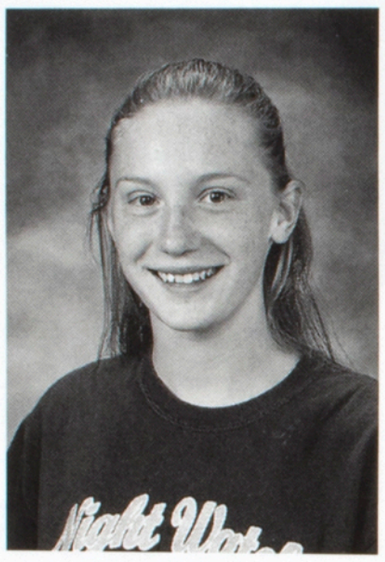
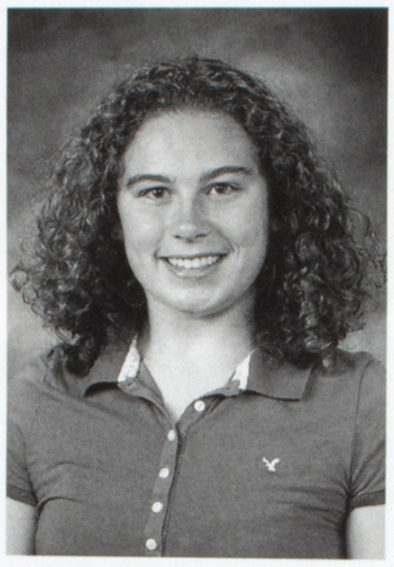
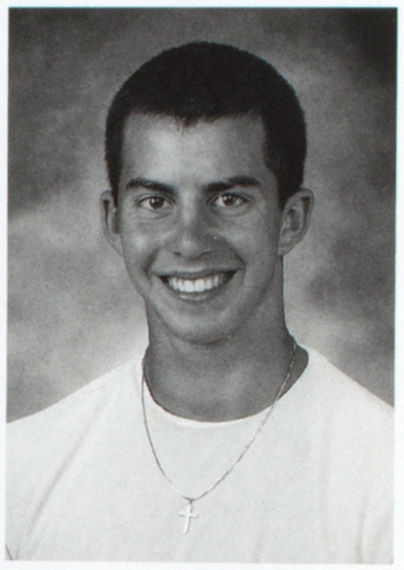


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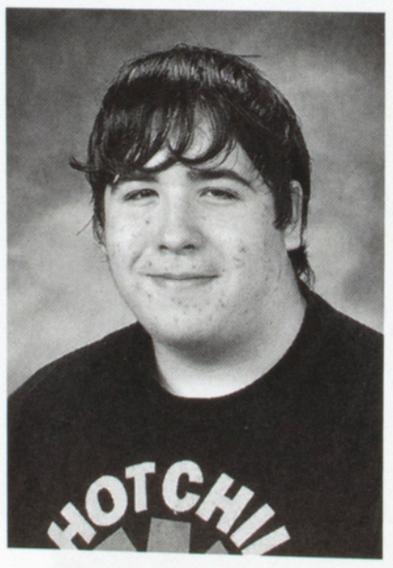
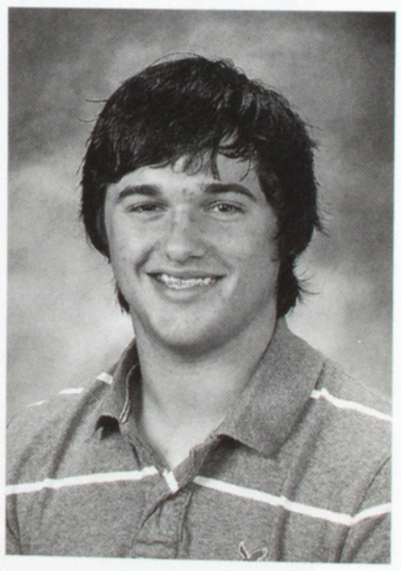




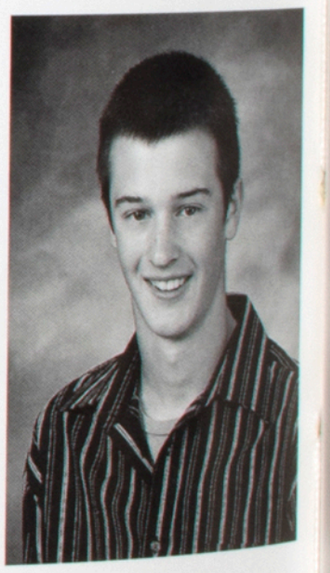
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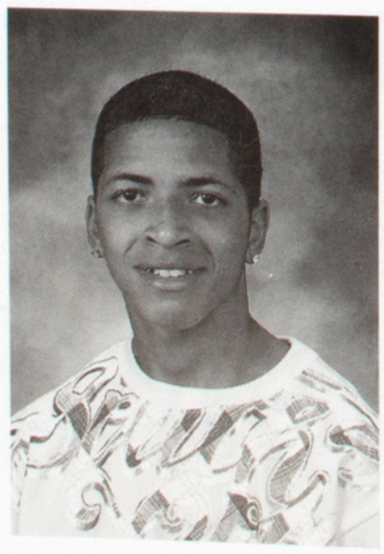


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JUNIORS STEP UP

By Zach McGowan

Girls' tennis took in a couple new players, juniors Olivia Castillo and Kelsey Wilson.

Both of the players were new to school sponsored tennis, and both had become valuable members of the varsity team.

Coincidentally, they are partners in doubles, which both girls said they enjoy more than singles matches.

A typical practice consists of running, stretching, volley practice, and drills.

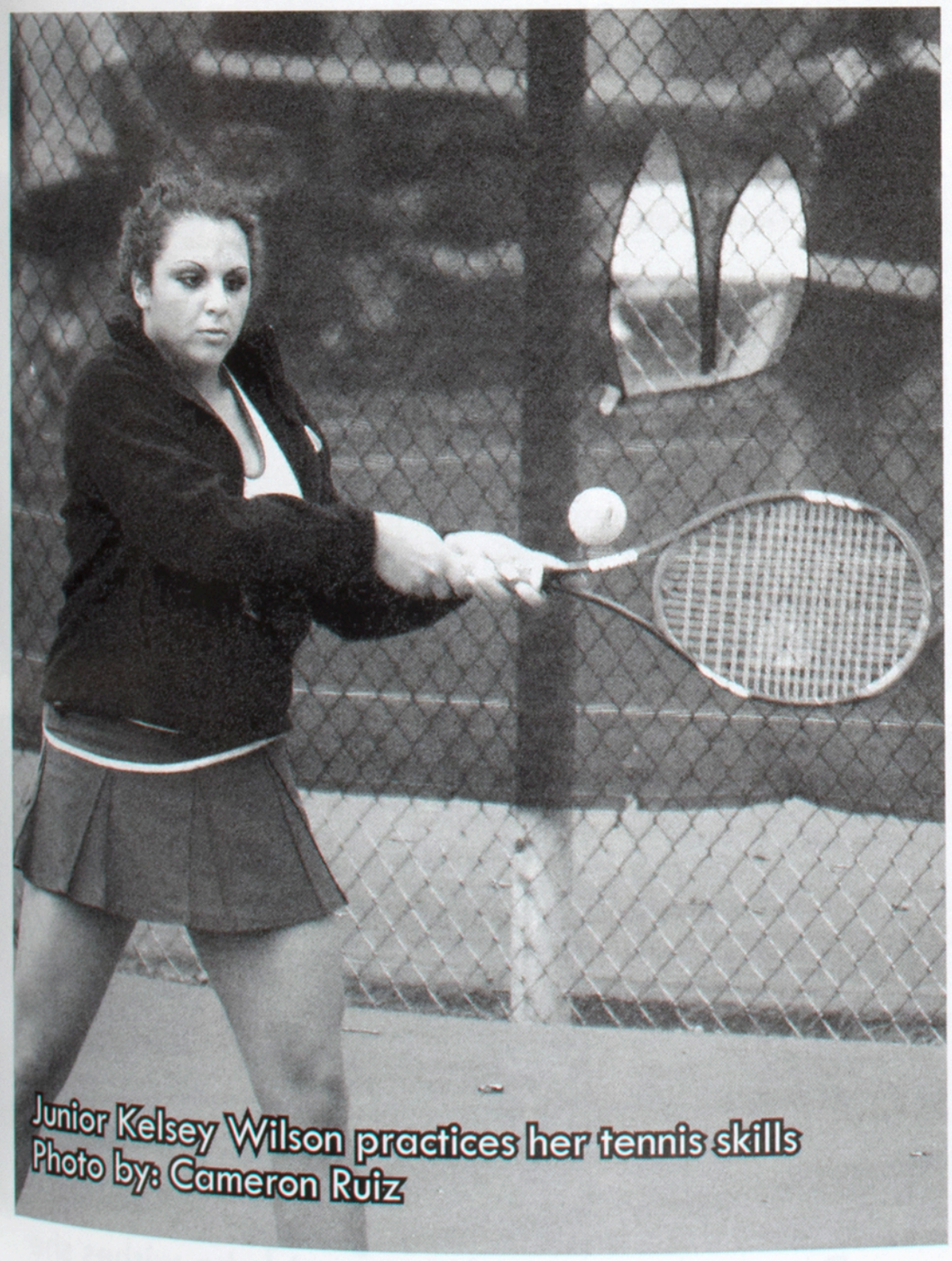
Wilson said the drills helped to train their skills and techniques.

Besides practice at school, Castillo said they practiced over the summer.

"It was a good way to have fun and stay in shape over the summer," Castillo said.

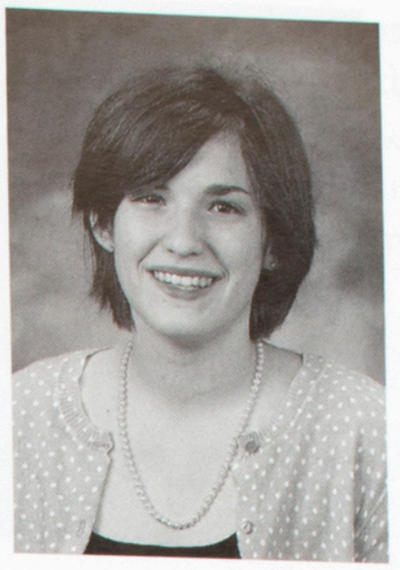
While neither of the girls plan on going to college for the sport, they both said they hope to become more accomplished players for next year.

"I love the sport," said Castillo, "but I am just concentrating on getting better and doing my best. That's all anyone can ask for."

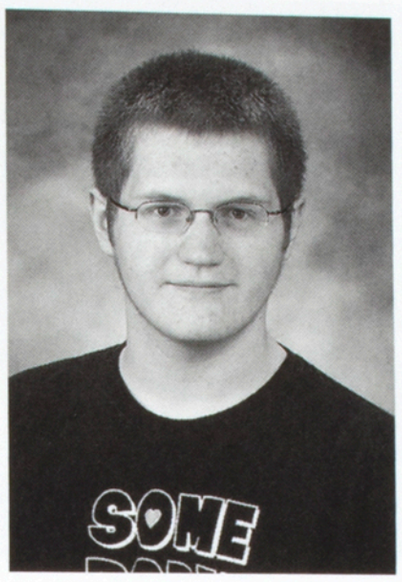


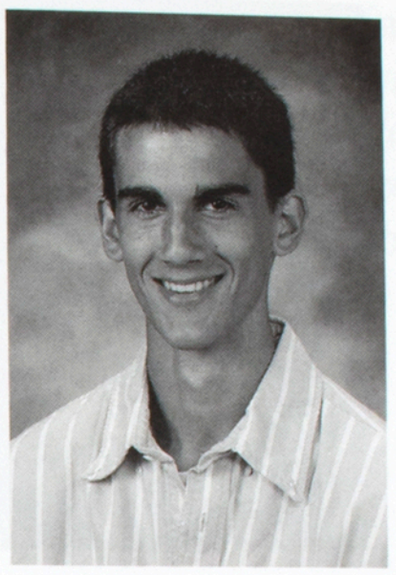
Junior Kelsey Wilson practices her tennis skills
Photo by: Cameron Ruiz





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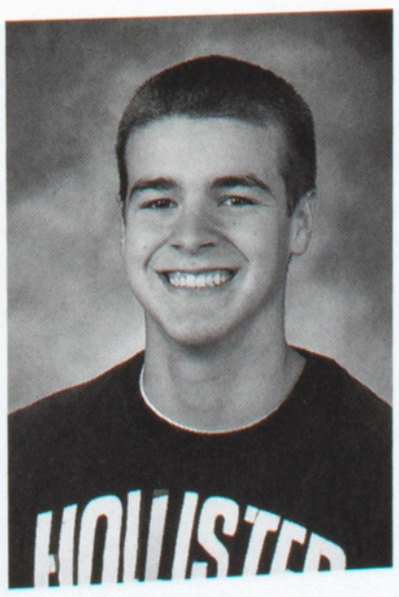


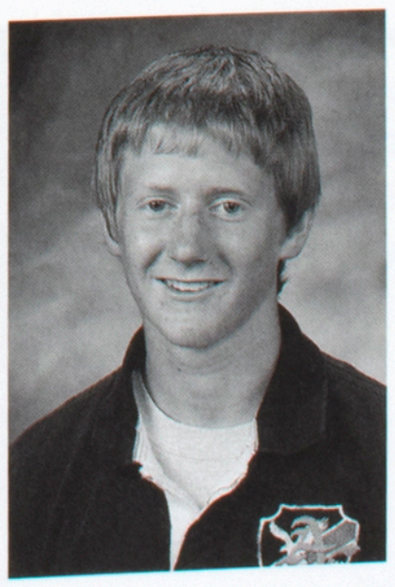
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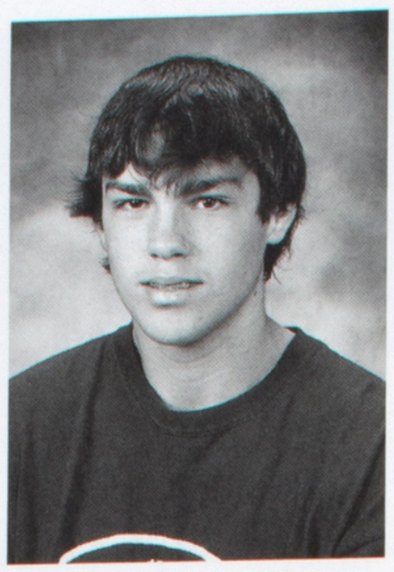




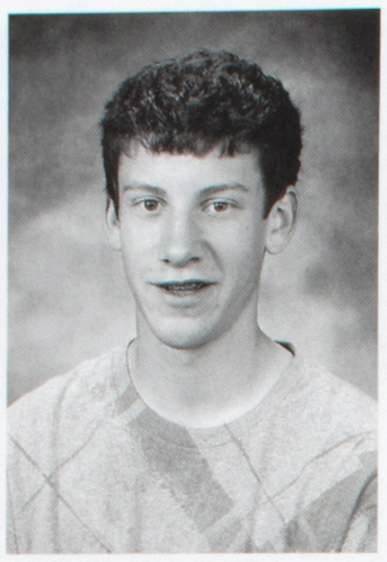
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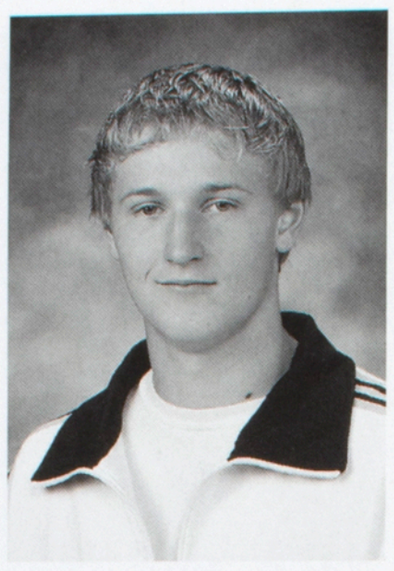
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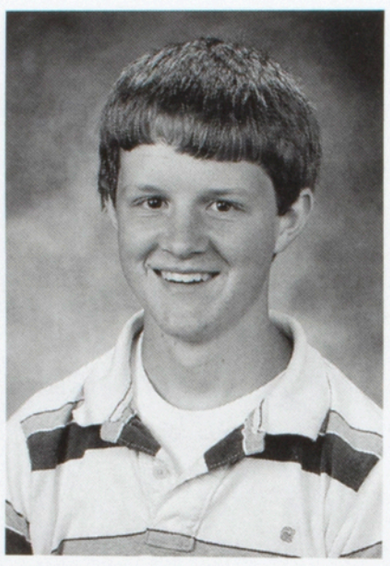
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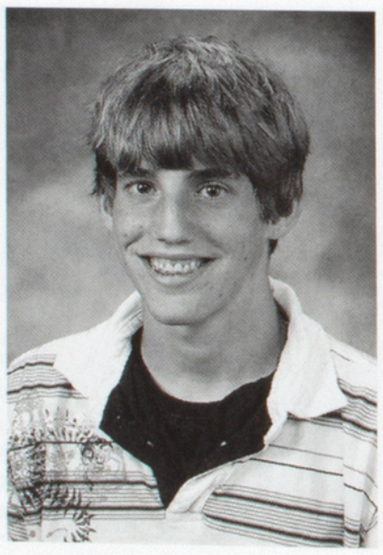


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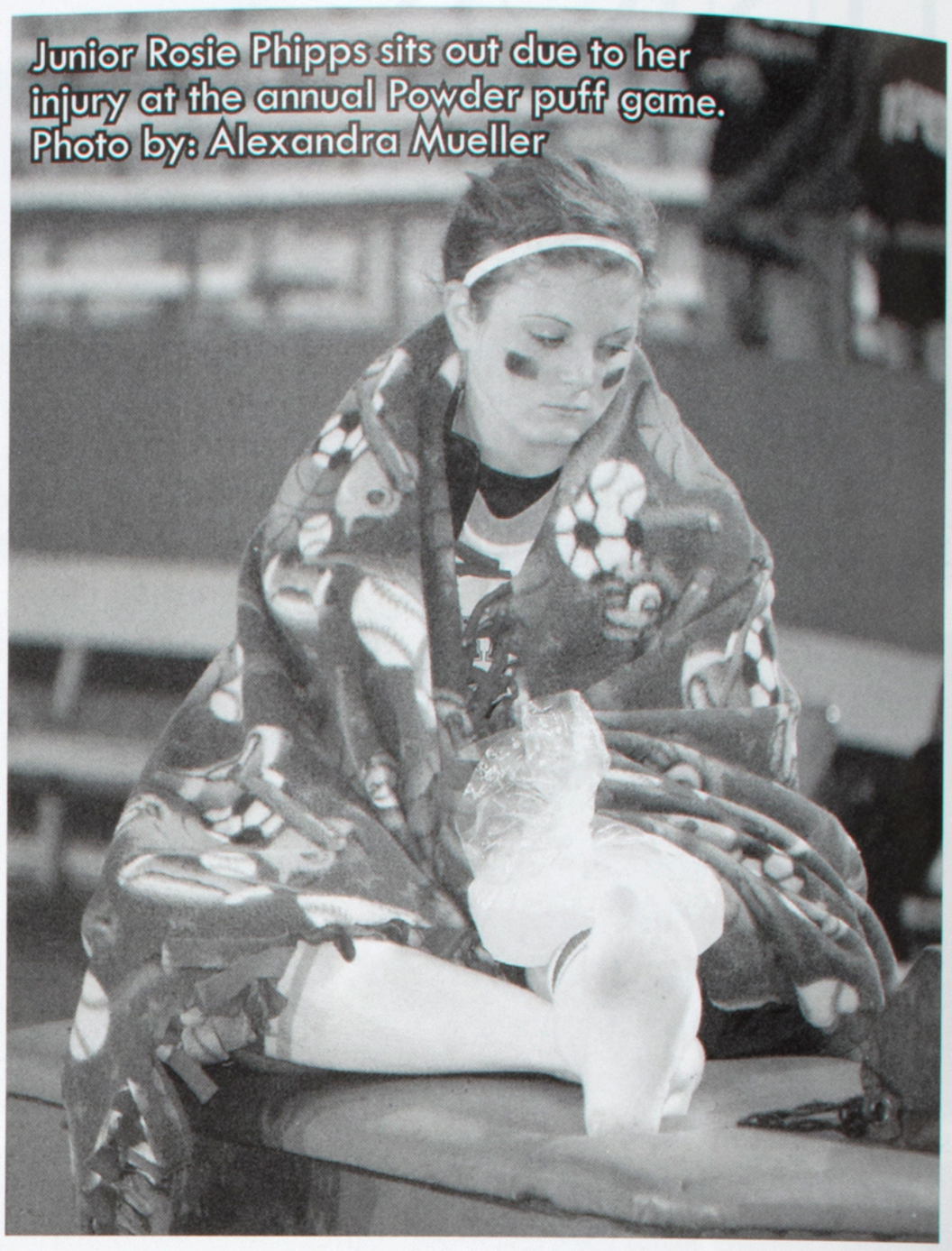




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Junior Rosie Phipps sits out due to her injury at the annual Powder puff game.
Photo by: Alexandra Mueller

FROM THE BENCH

By Annie Nord

The football sliced through the air and both juniors Alyssa Palmer and Kelsey Wilson dove for it in an attempt to block the pass, one landing on the other at the annual powder puff game.

At that moment and for the rest of the game, Wilson wasn't aware that she fractured and bruised her collar bone. It wasn't until she got in her car and attempted to turn her steering wheel, that she realized something was wrong.

"I just screamed. All of a sudden it just hurt. I sat there crying and my mom had to come pick me up," Wilson said.

Wilson's injury kept her out of tennis for a few weeks but nothing serious came of it.

Junior cross country runner Rosie Phipps, on the other hand, had a much more tragic experience.

Within the first few minutes Phipps caught an interception and came down wrong, tearing her ACL for the second time.

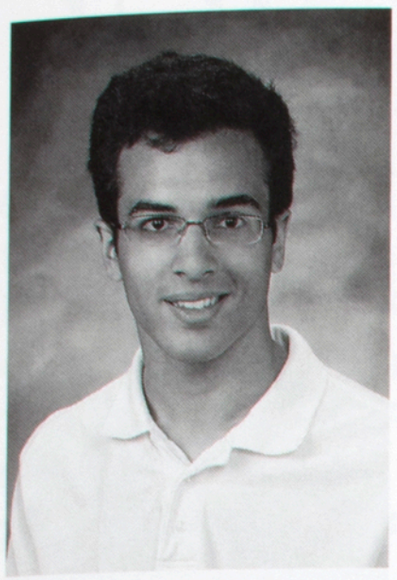
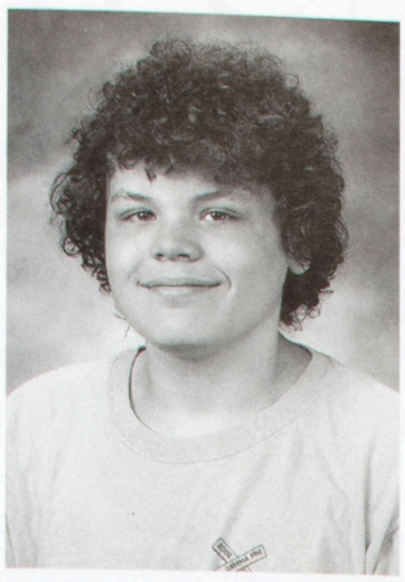
"I screamed. I cried. I'm pretty sure I went into shock," Phipps said.

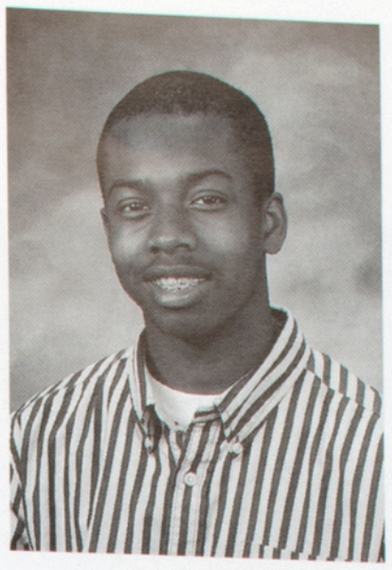
PE teacher and cross country coach Lester Hampton said injuries at the powder puff game aren't uncommon.

"Year in and year out someone gets hurt but I think this was the first time it was one of my runners," Hampton said.

Phipps' cross country season came to a drastic ending. She stayed home from school for a week unable to walk. She then hobbled around the school for two weeks on crutches before having surgery in November.

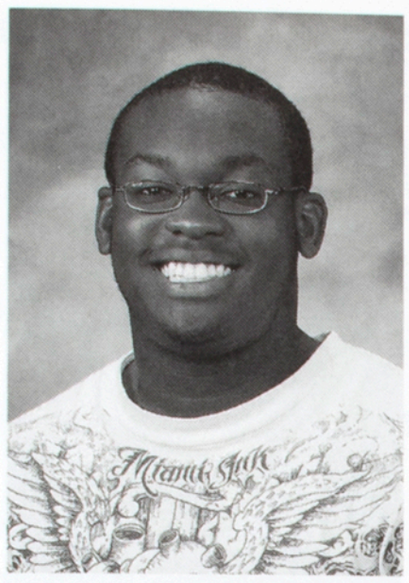
Despite her injury Phipps said she wishes she could play again next year. Unfortunately her doctor will not allow it.



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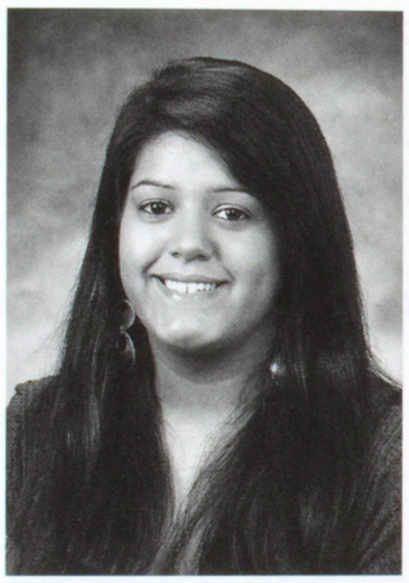


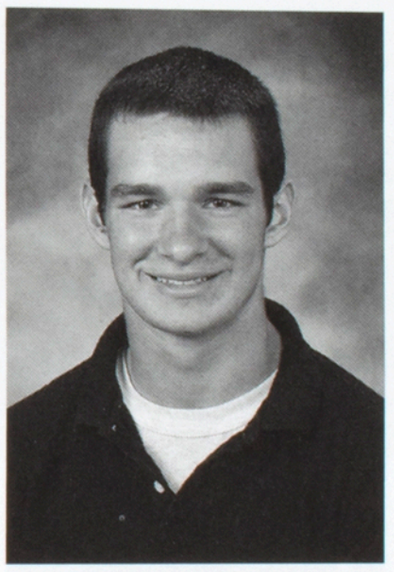




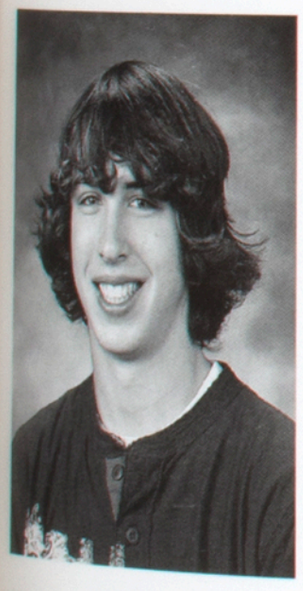
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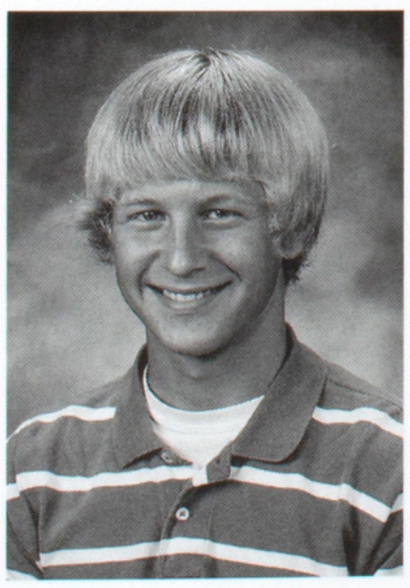
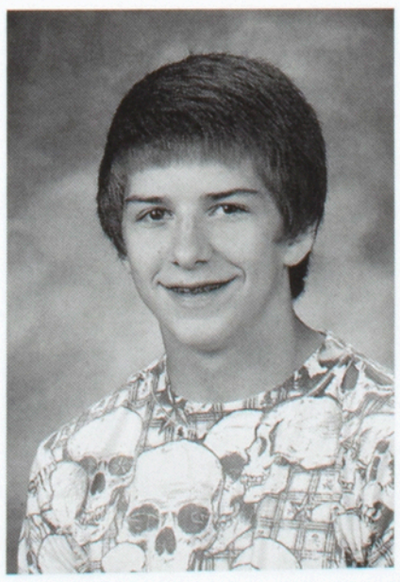
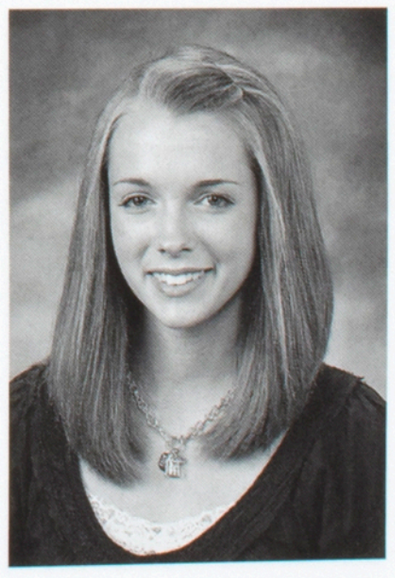






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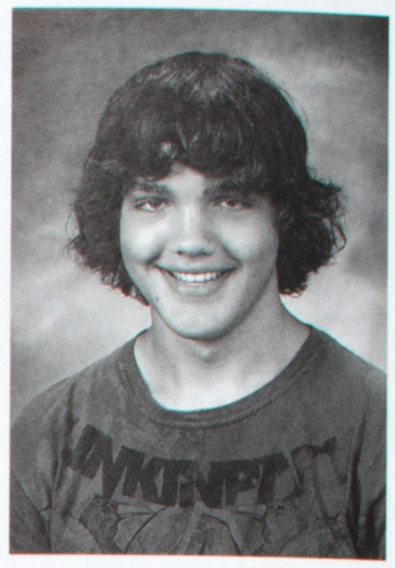




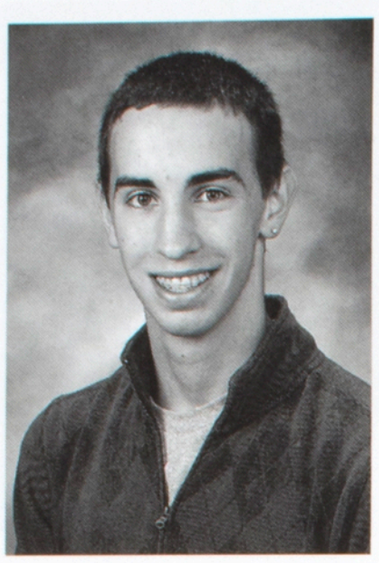
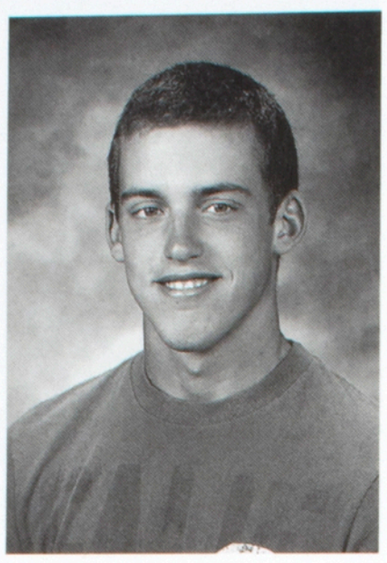
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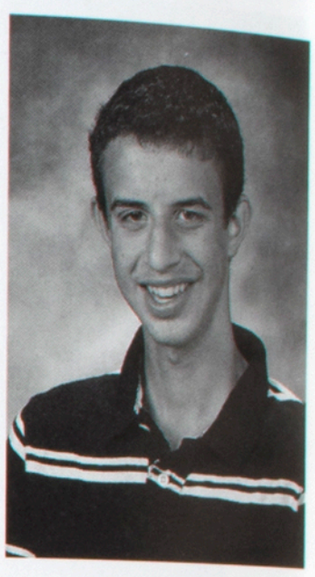
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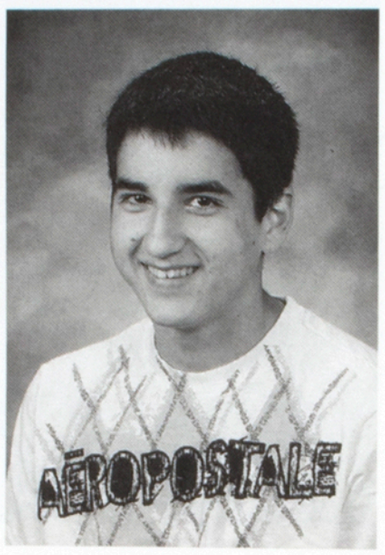




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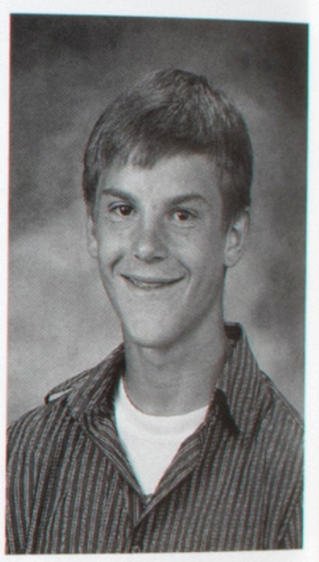



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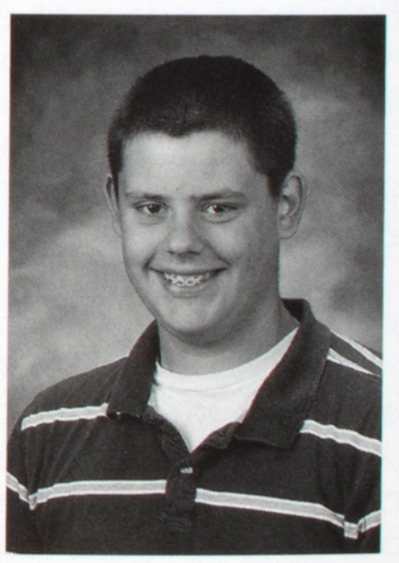
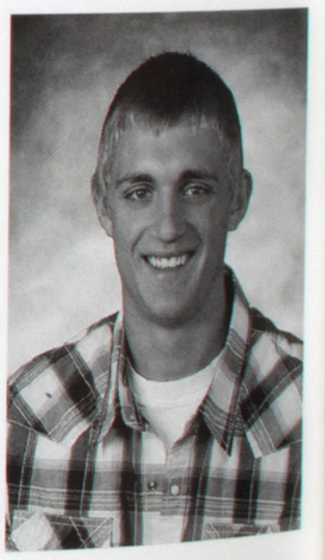





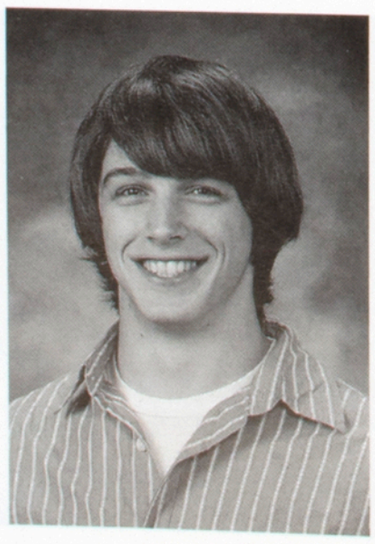


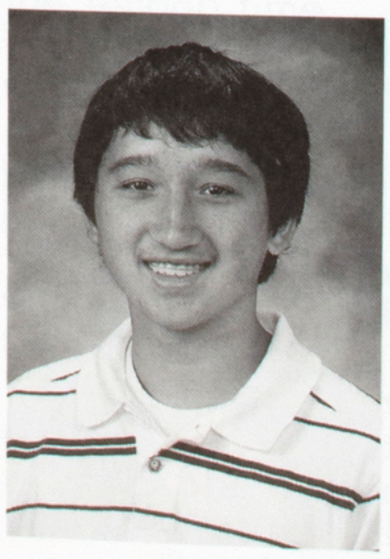
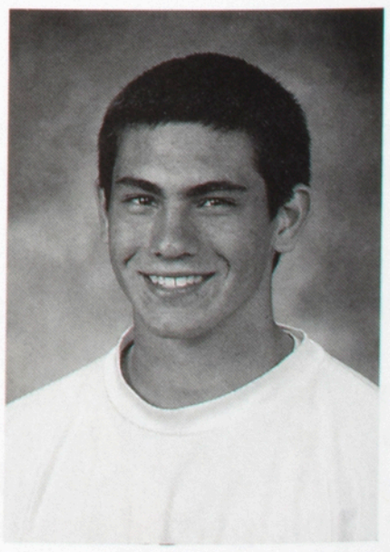
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RUNNING ON CREATIVITY

By Jack Capodice

Something that's very easy to notice when buying shoes is the ridiculously high prices.This is exactly what Junior Gianni Africano thought, so he decided to try designing his own.

"I had been collecting shoes for awhile, and the prices really started to add up," he said.

In designing his own shoes, Africano first strips the original shoe of any paint on it using acid. Once the shoe is stripped down, he can apply any custom paint, textures, or materials he chooses.

Africano said that the process is much harder than you would expect, and that one pair of shoes takes at least 15 hours to complete.

"If I work at it, I can get one pair done every two weeks," he said.

After Africano got used to doing it, he began accepting any client offers he could find.

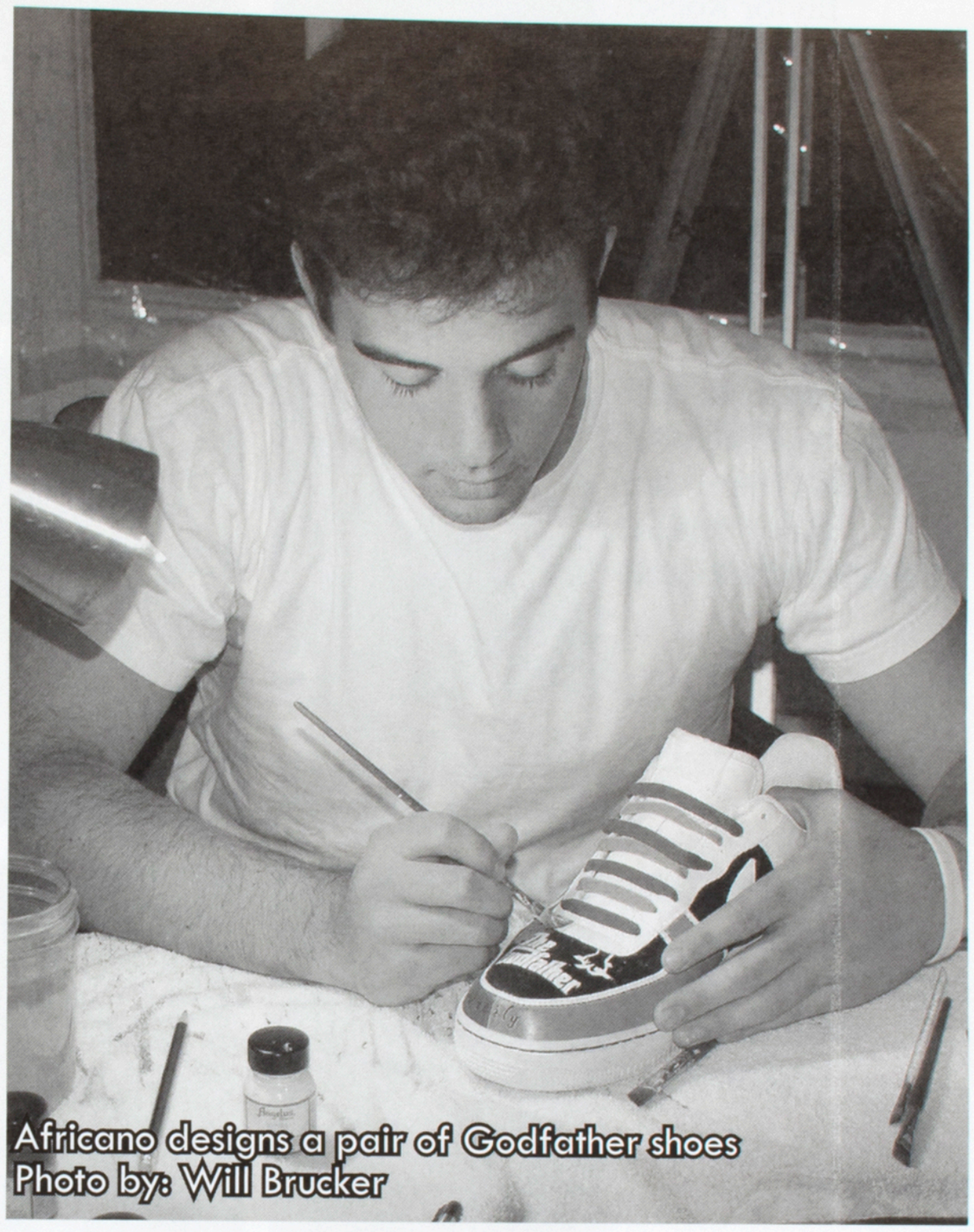
Senior Jake Todino had Africano design a pair of shoes as a Christmas gift for his brother.

Todino said that he got the idea when he saw a cool pair of shoes on Entourage.

"I gave him a general description of what I wanted, while adding in his own artistic ability. The final product was really cool, and definitely worth it," Todino said.

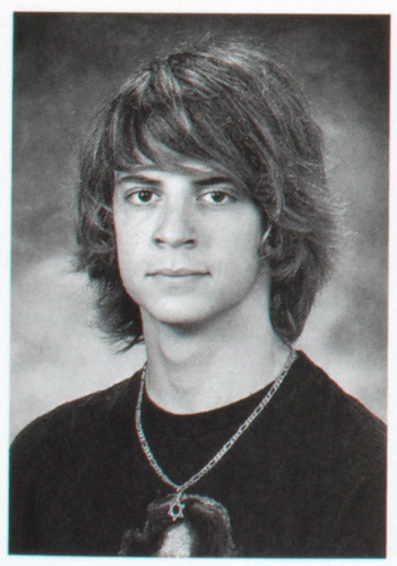
While designing custom shoes remains a hobby for now, Africano said that it is certainly a career possibility.

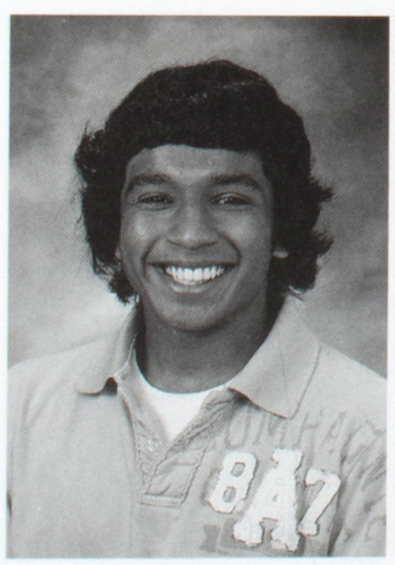
"I'd love to do it as a career, but I don't know how far I'd make it. I will definitely keep it as a hobby as long as I can," he said.



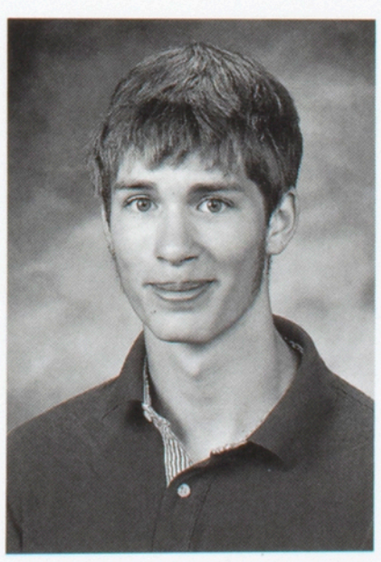
Africano designs a pair of Godfather shoes
Photo by: Will Brucker





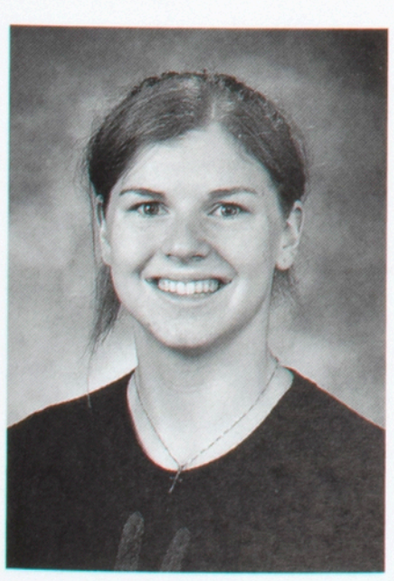


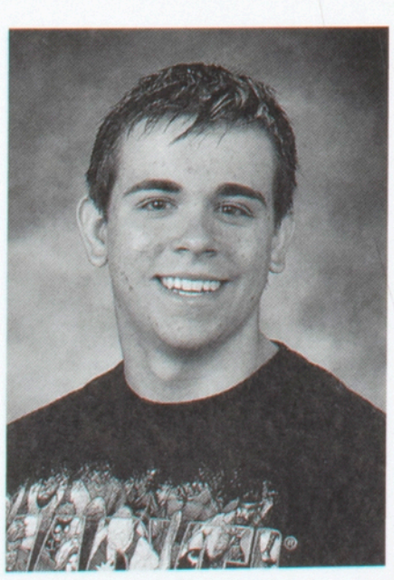


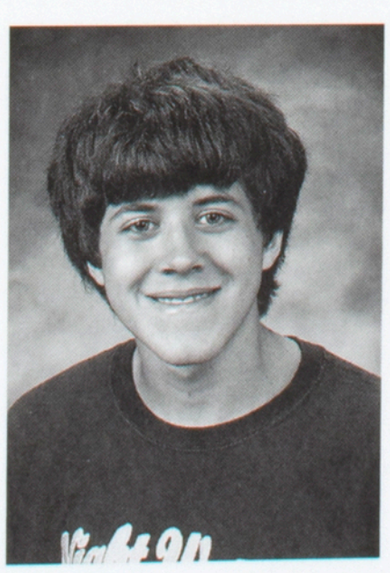


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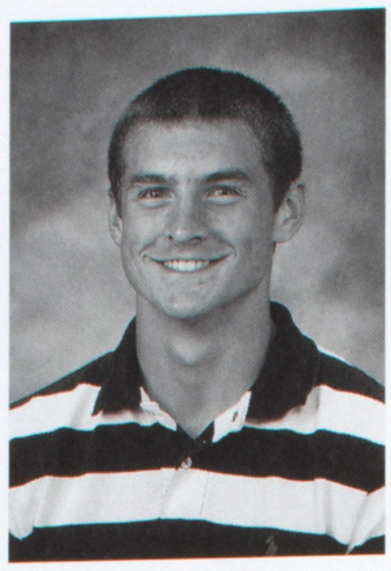


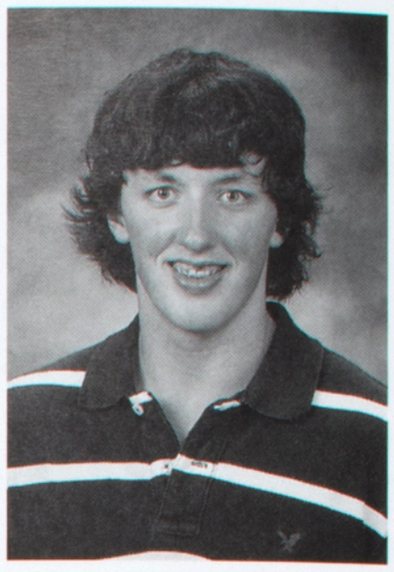
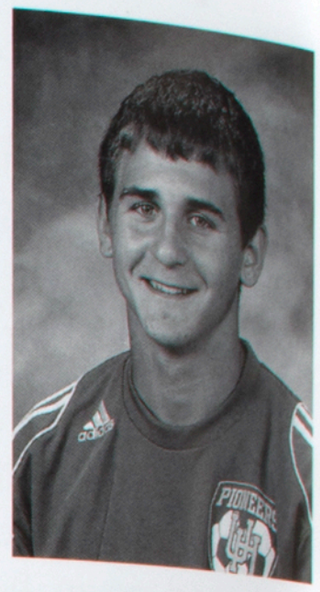




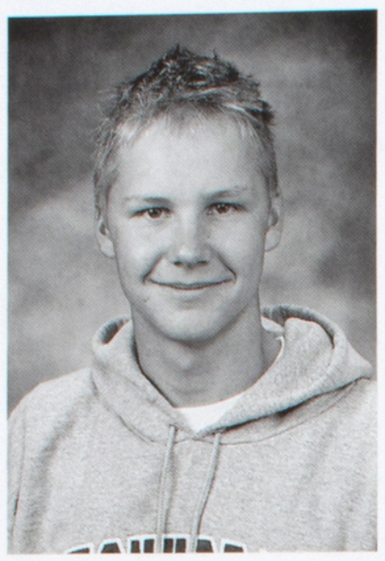
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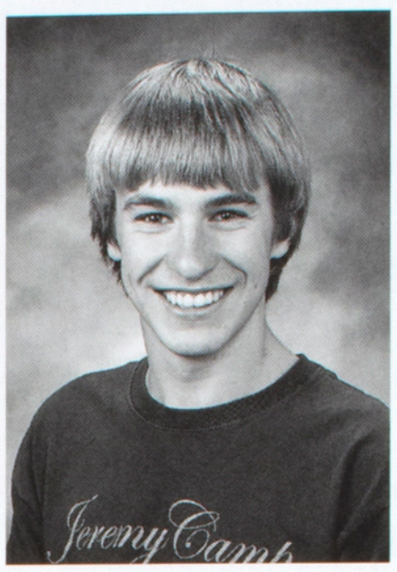
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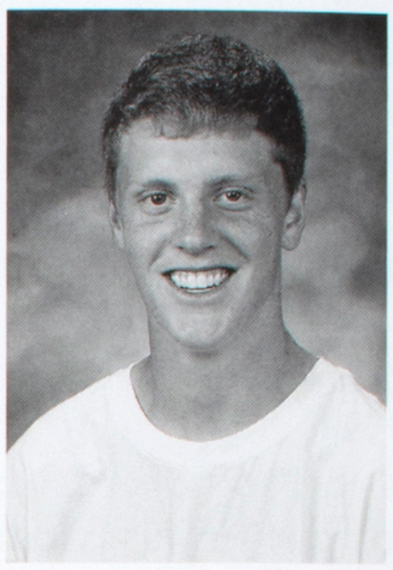



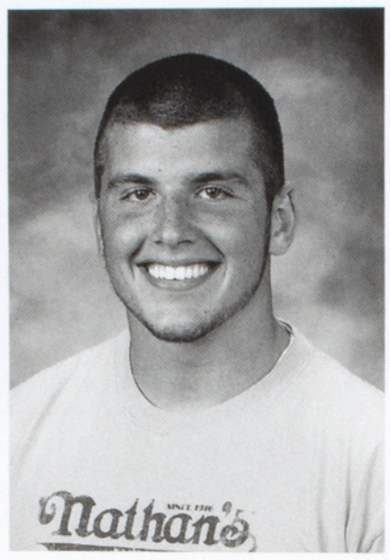
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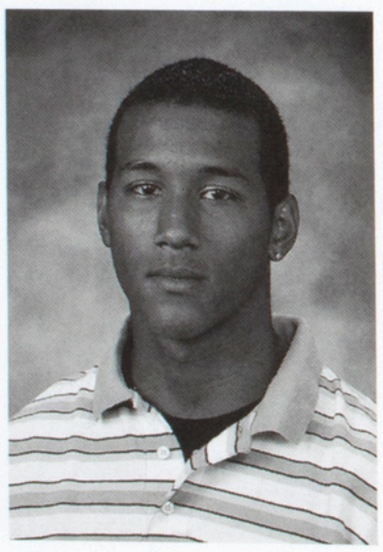

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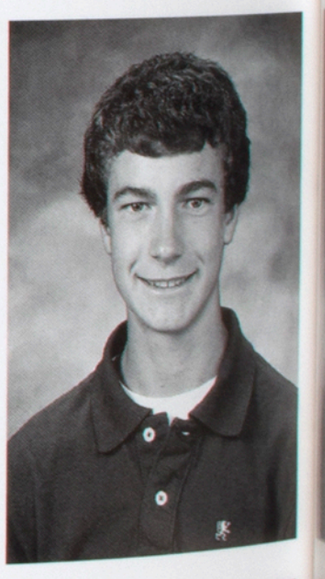




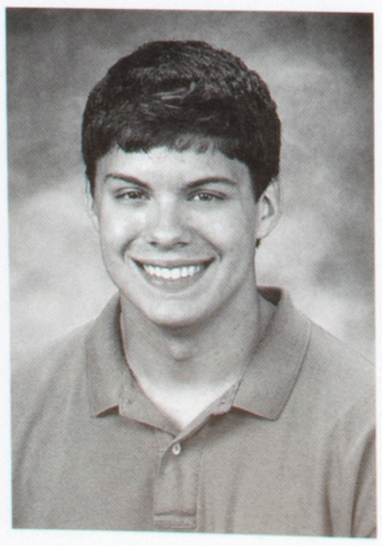
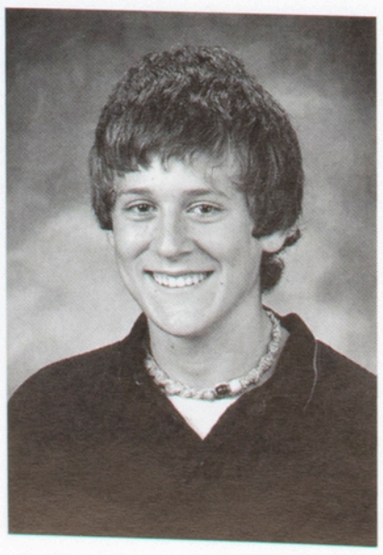
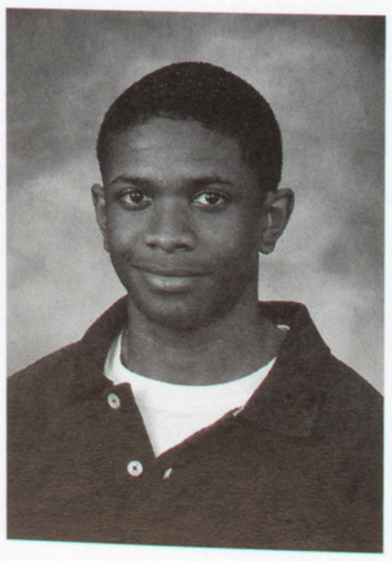
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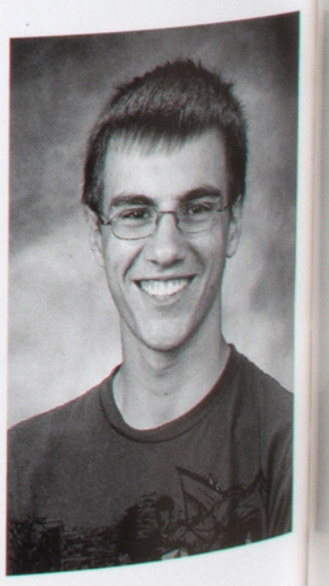




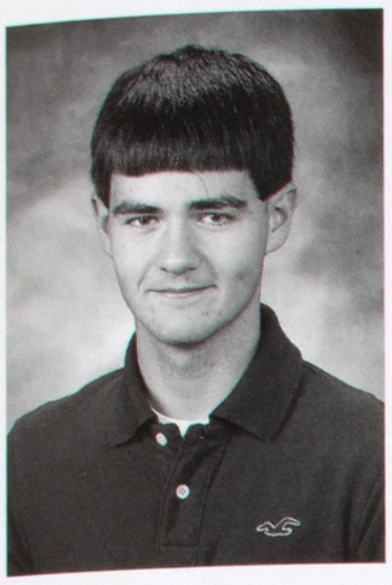


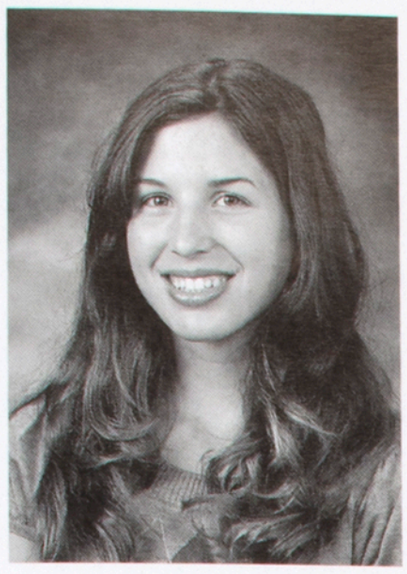
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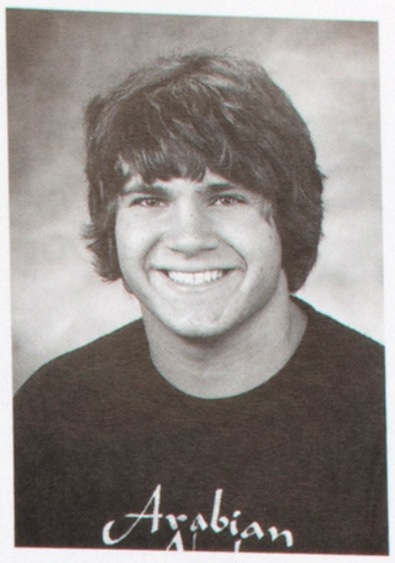






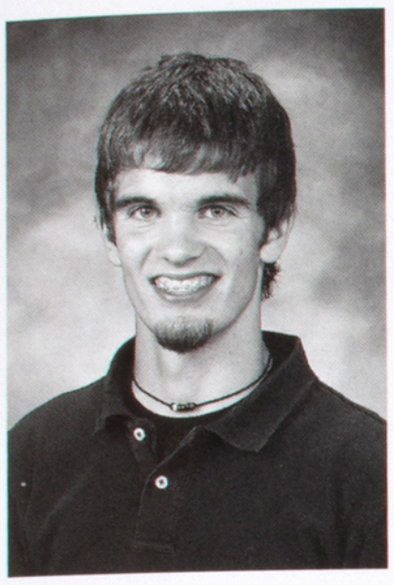


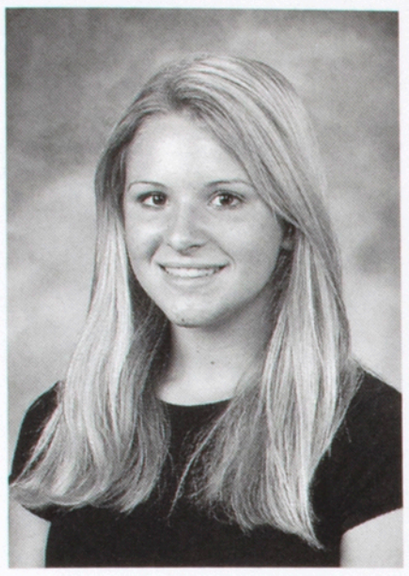


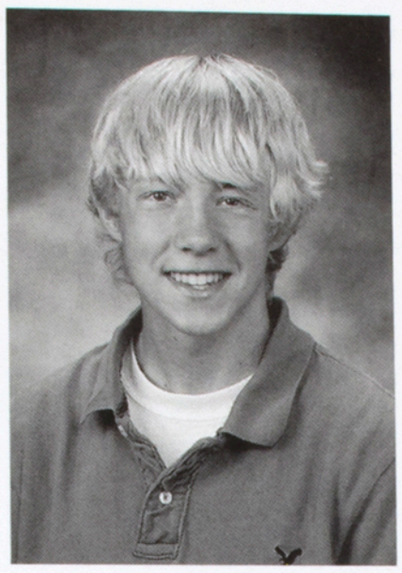


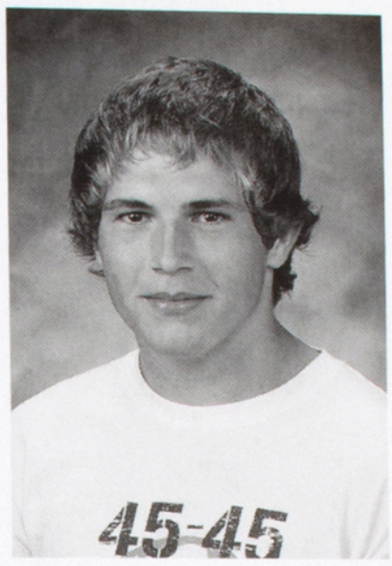
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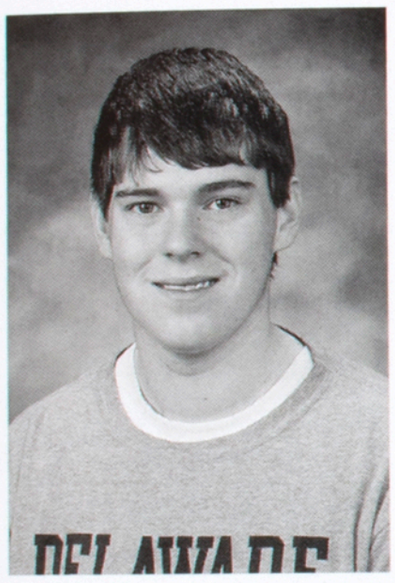






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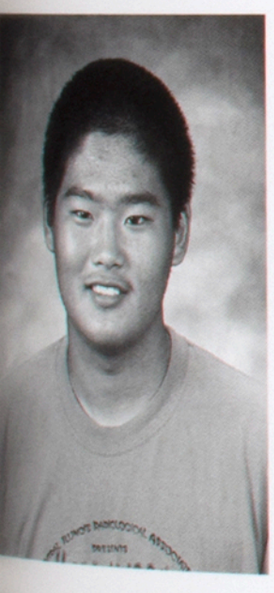




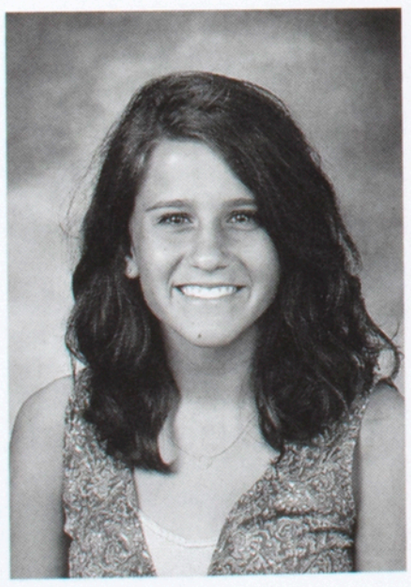




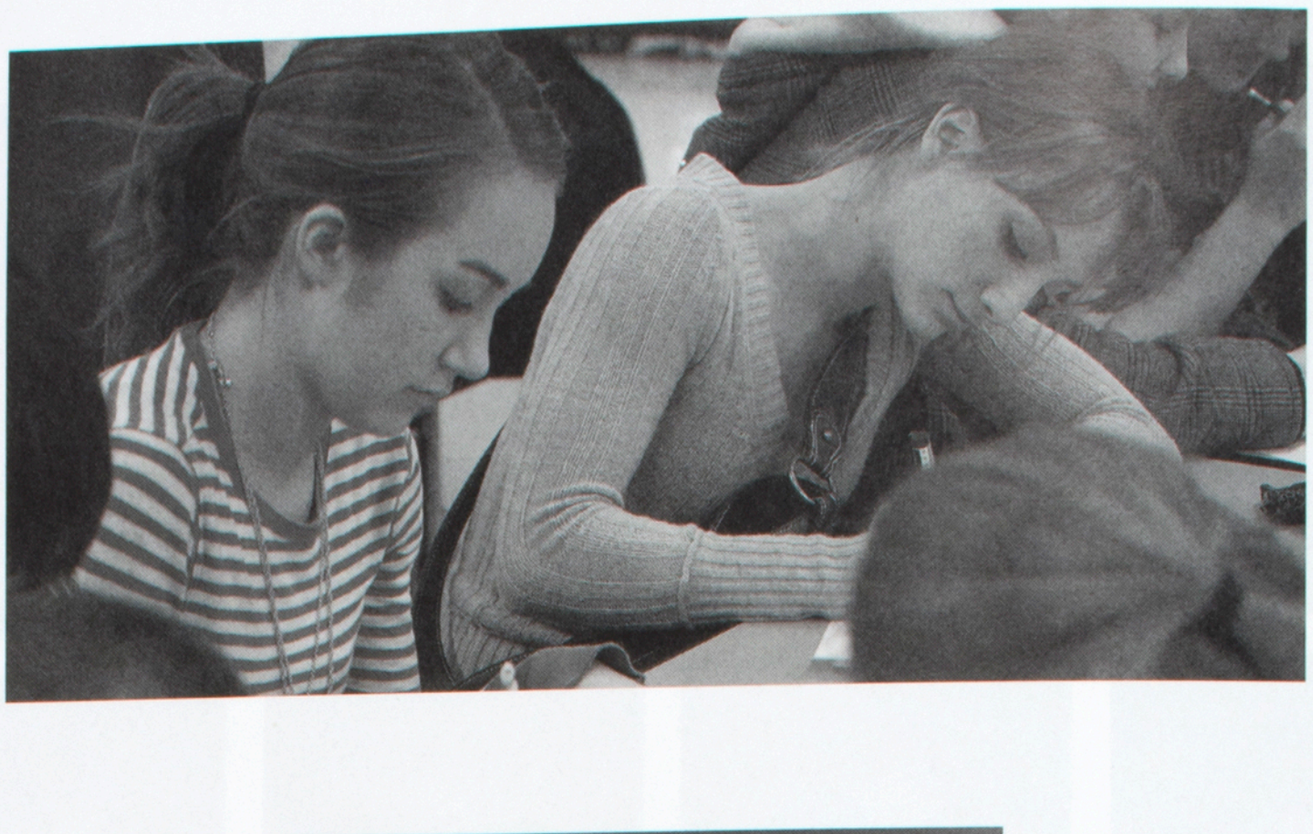
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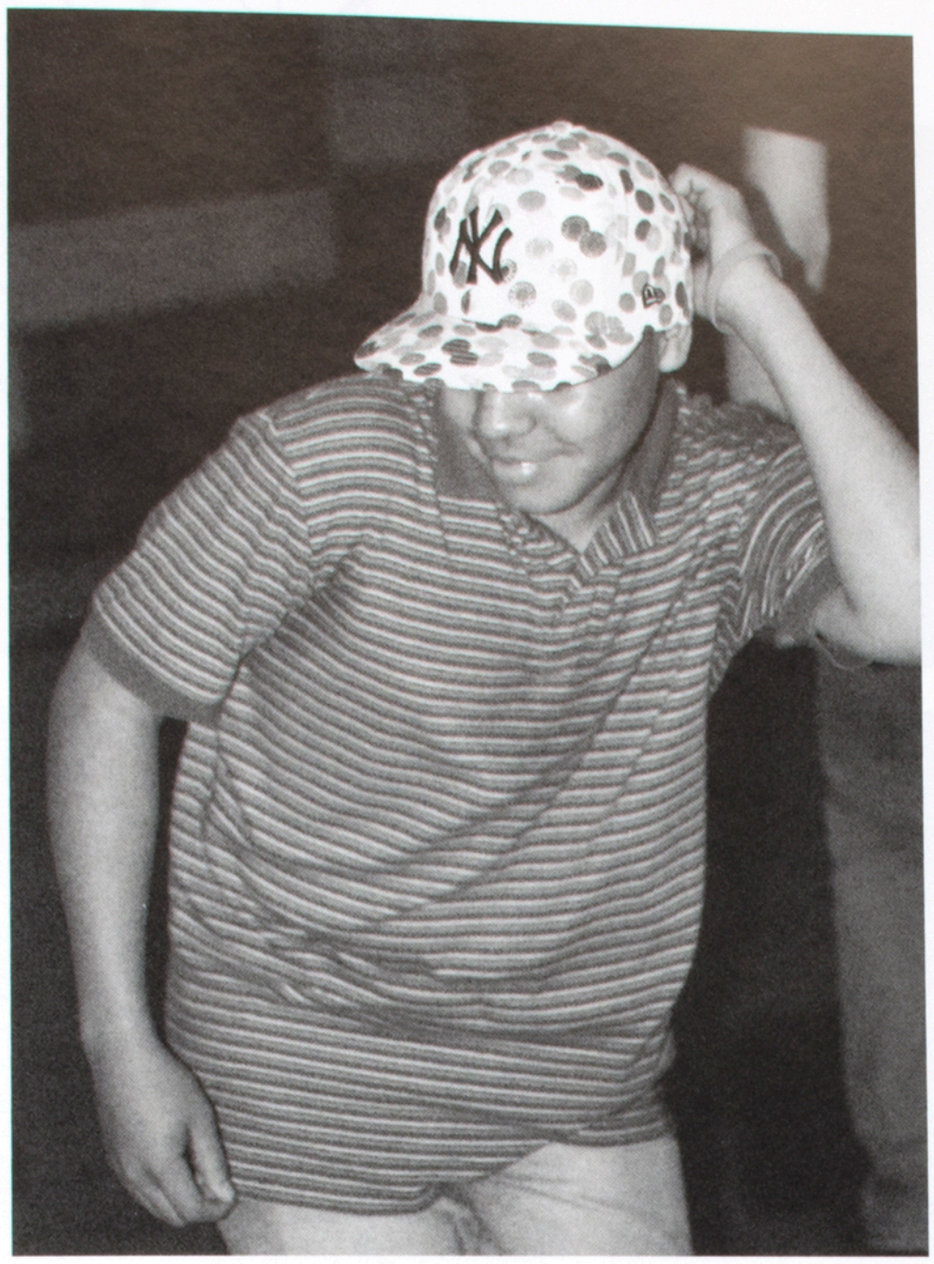


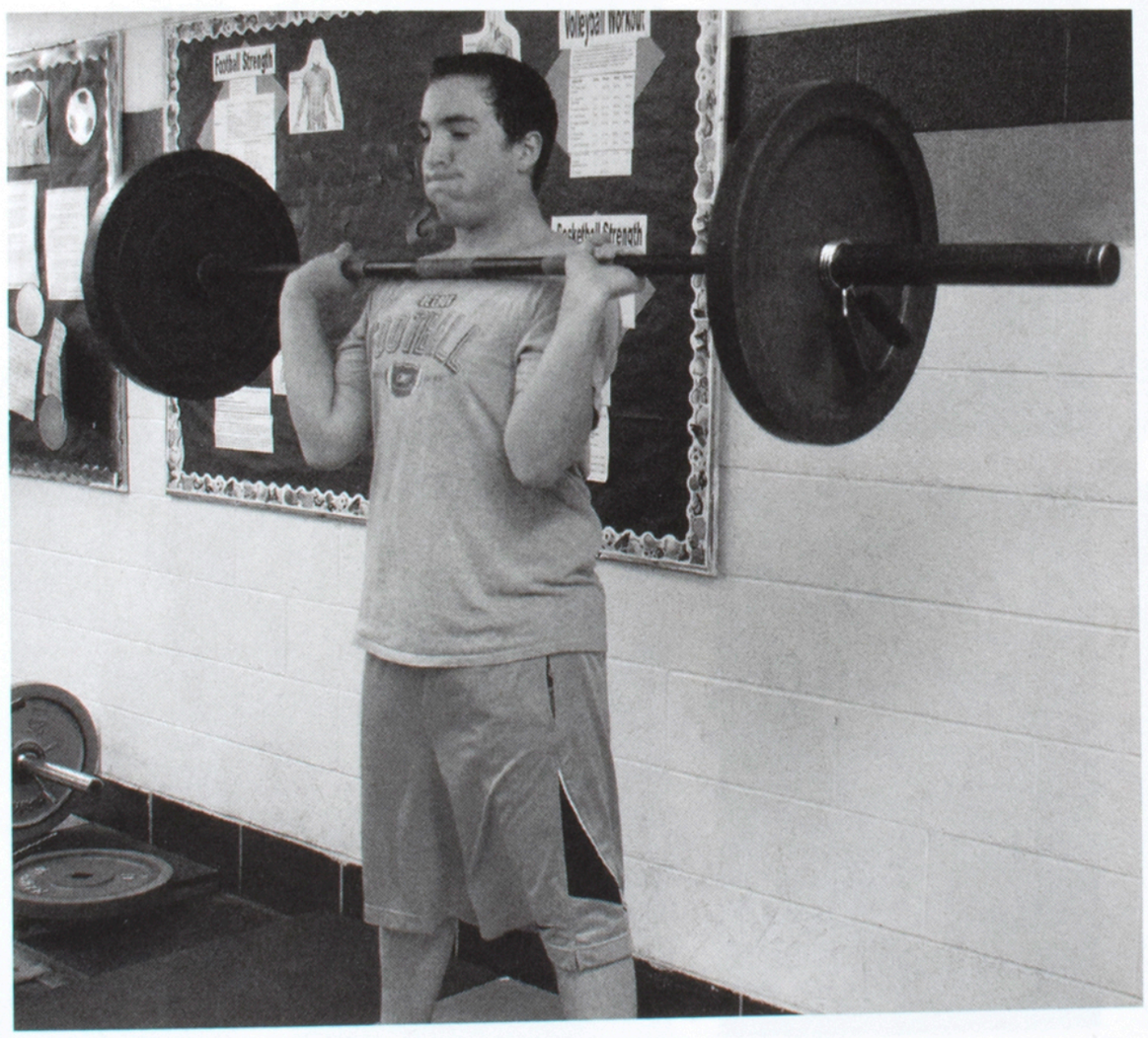
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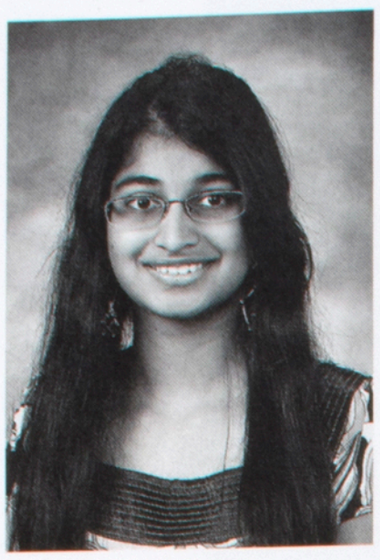


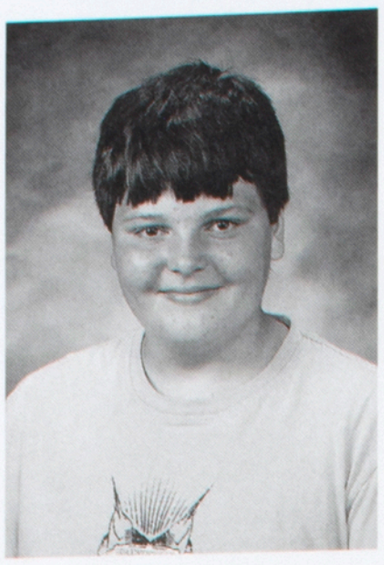




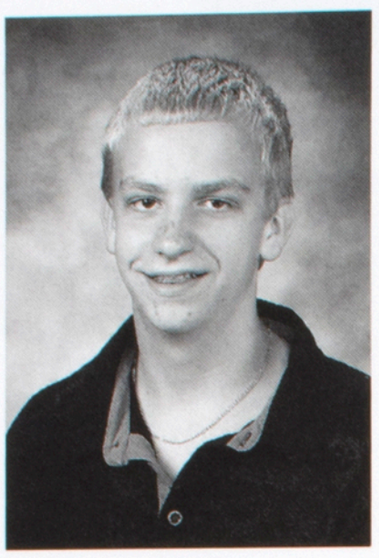
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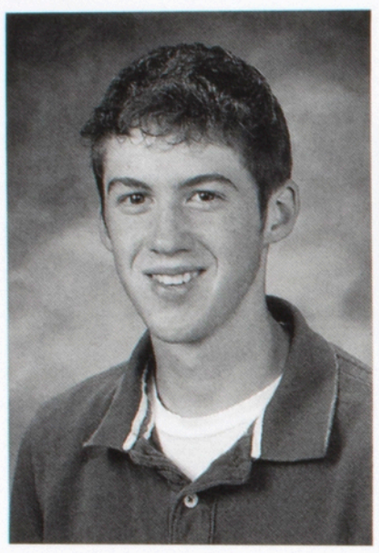


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NO CHANGE OF PACE

By Leigh Huff

Sophomore James Clay had only one year experience in cross country, although at the start of the season he had a difficult road ahead.

Since the team ended successfully in the previous year, Clay and his teammates had many expectations to meet.

On the second run of the season, James ran his three miles in 16:20.

"In cross country, you look for the lowest time, and James was great for that," cross country coach Lester Hampton said.

By the end of the year, Clay had shaved off 1:17, for a personal record of 15:03 at Maxwell.

In addition to a great three mile run, James had the distinct honor of placing 5th in state with a time of 15:09, and 3rd at sectionals with 15:14.

This year brought some changes in the cross country season, namely in practices and training.

"We ran an enormous amount of base mileage this summer and took off from there. Our workouts were faster and harder and more focused. We all trained really hard and everyone put in a lot of time outside of normal practices too," Clay said.

Clay is in preparation for next season.

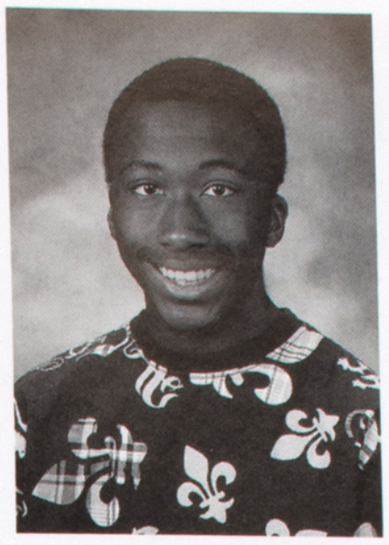
"Next year I would obviously want to change my times and we still have a chance of putting a team on the trophy stand, so that would be great if we could do that," Clay said.



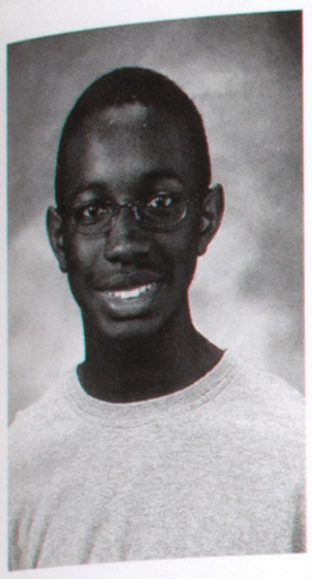
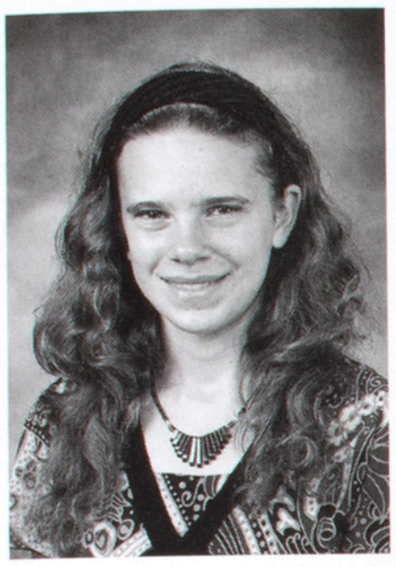
Sophomore James Clay competes for the win at cross country meet.
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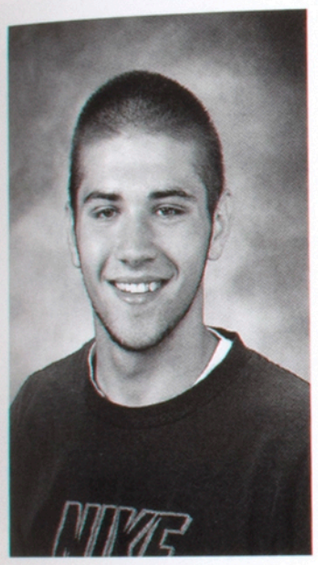


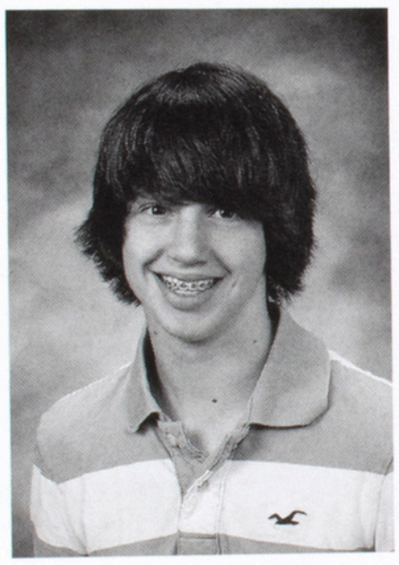
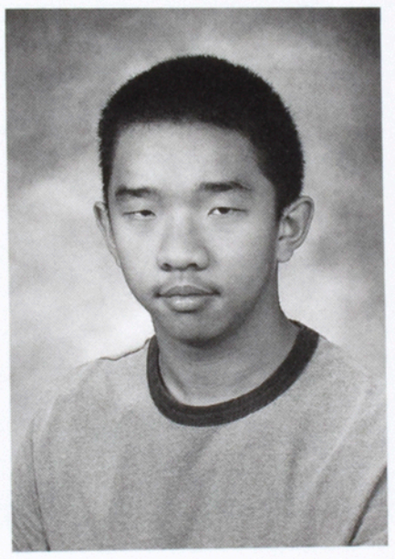
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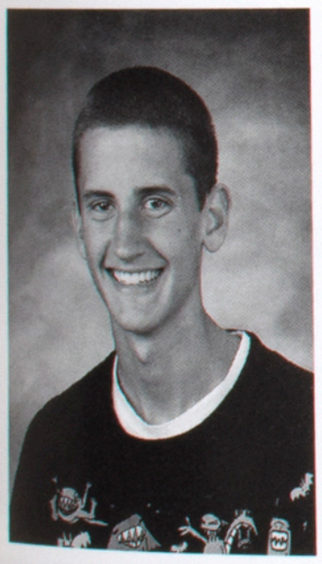


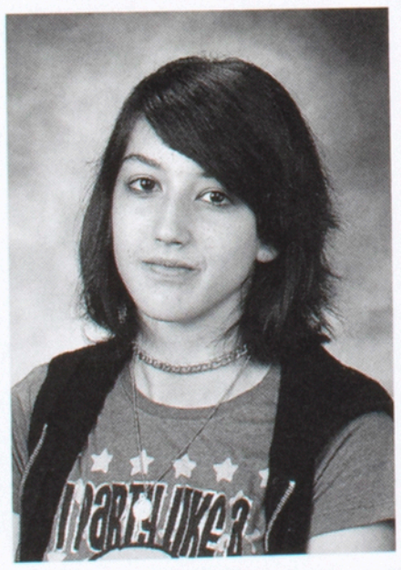

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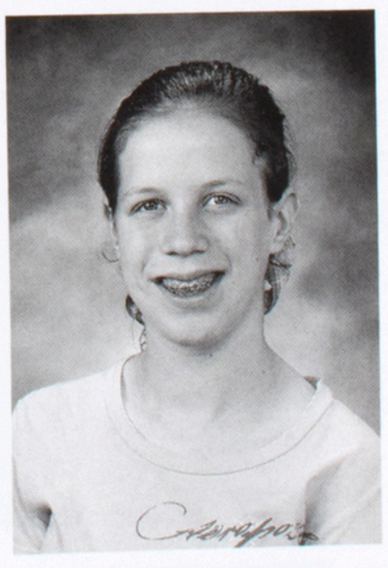



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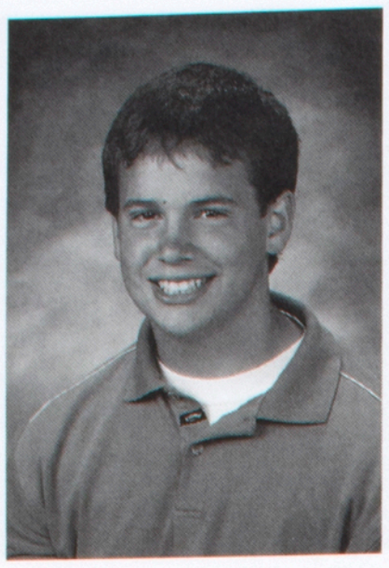
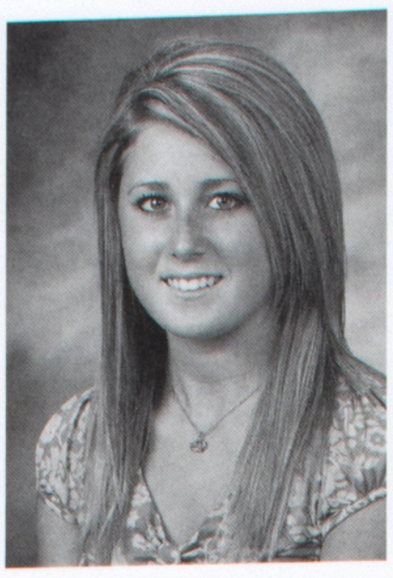
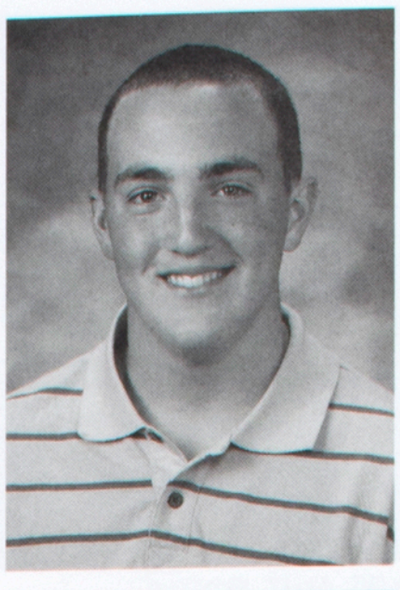
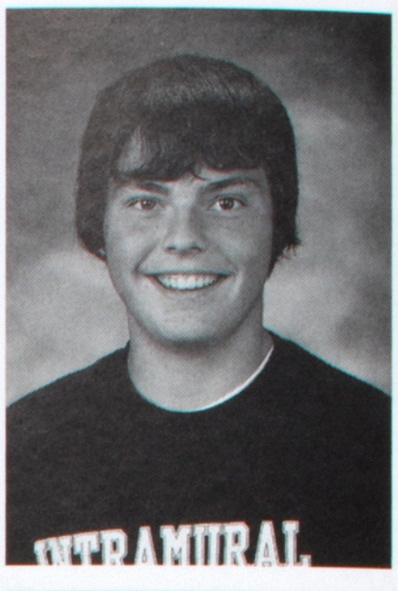




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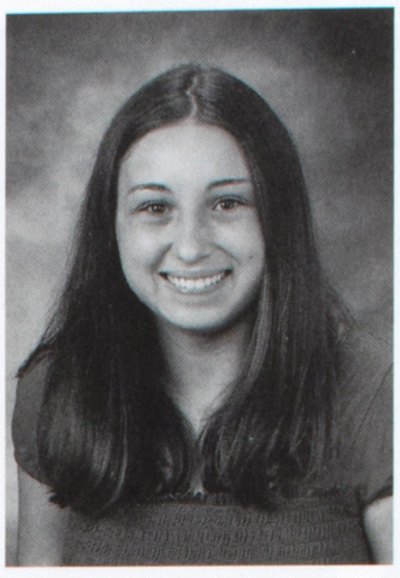
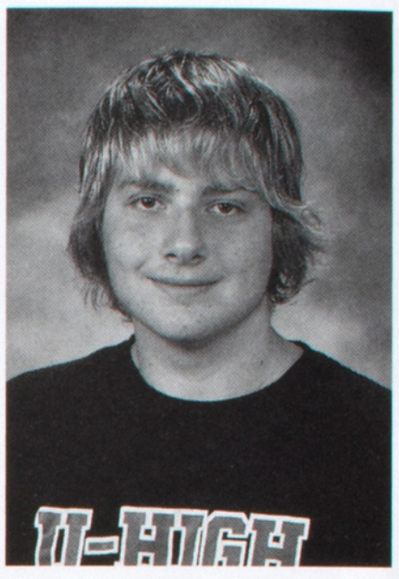
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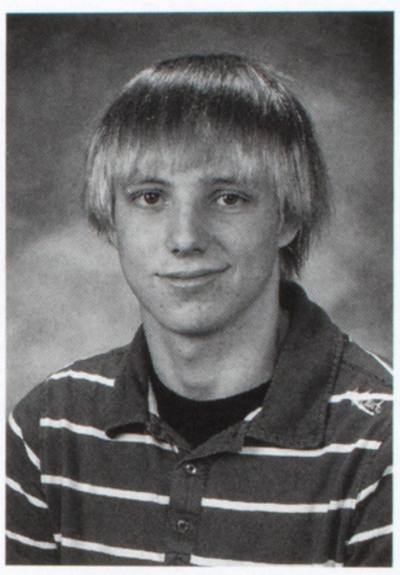
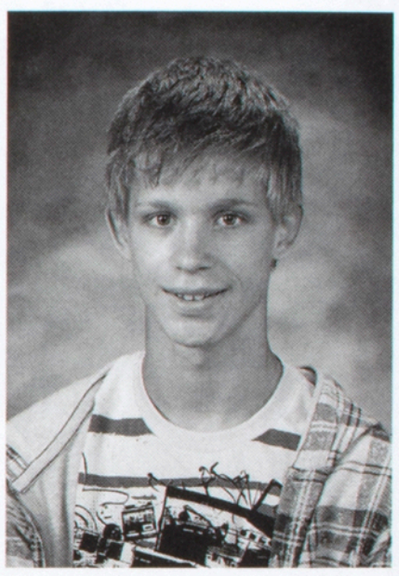
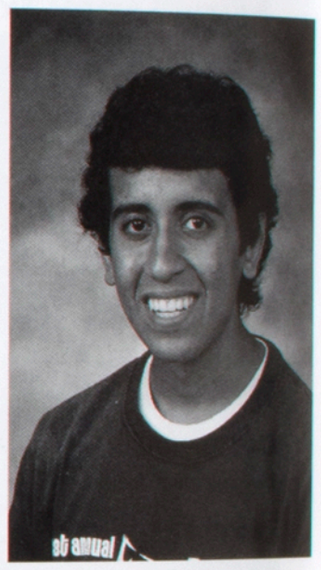


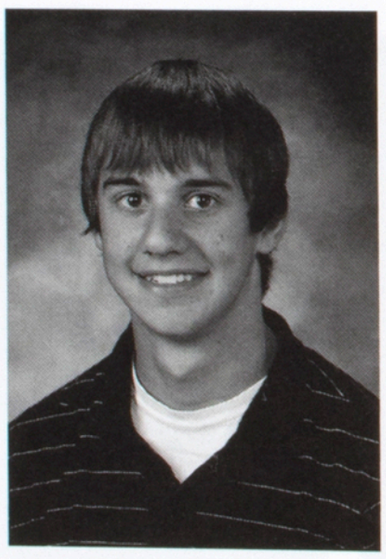
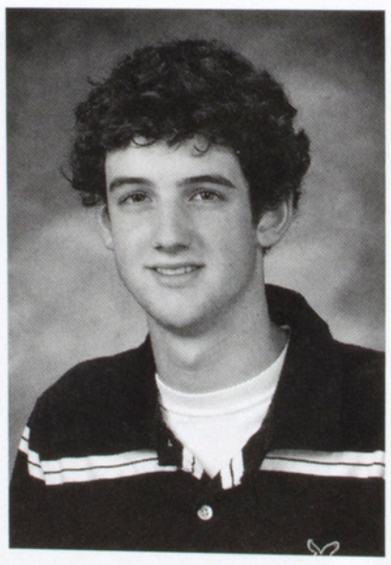


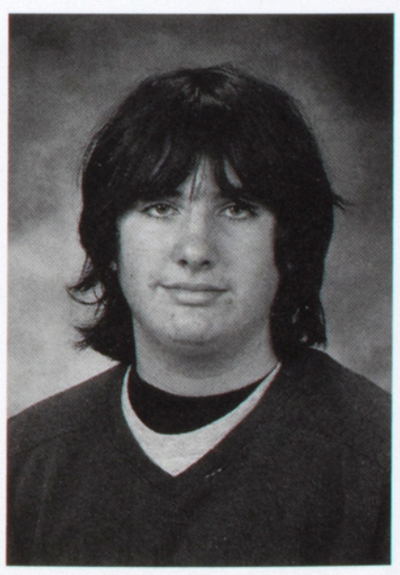
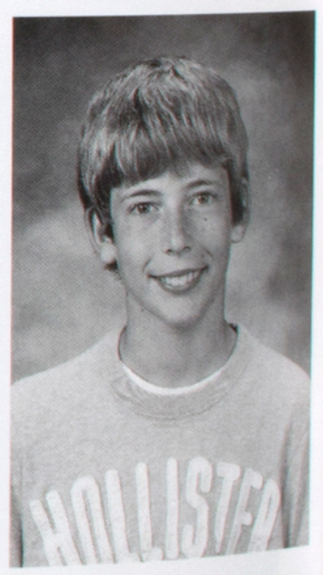
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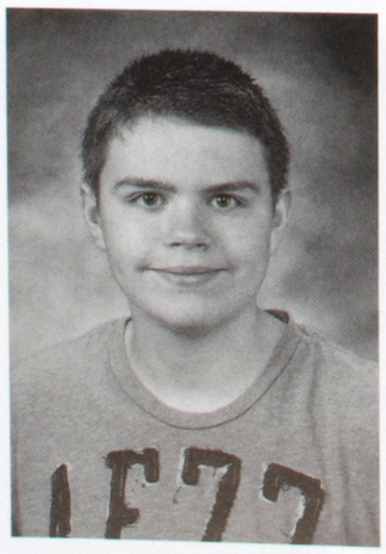




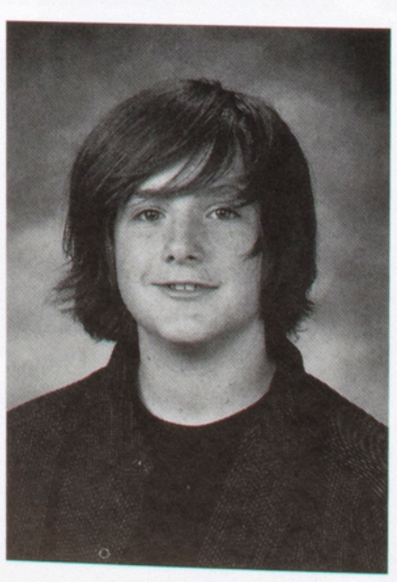
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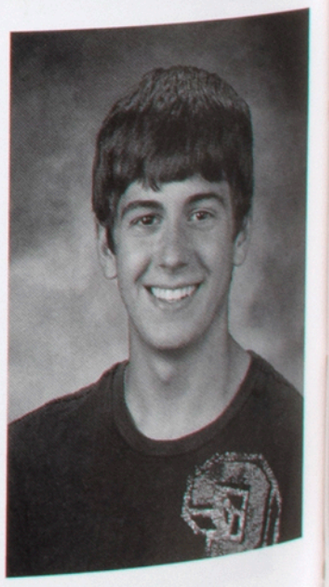



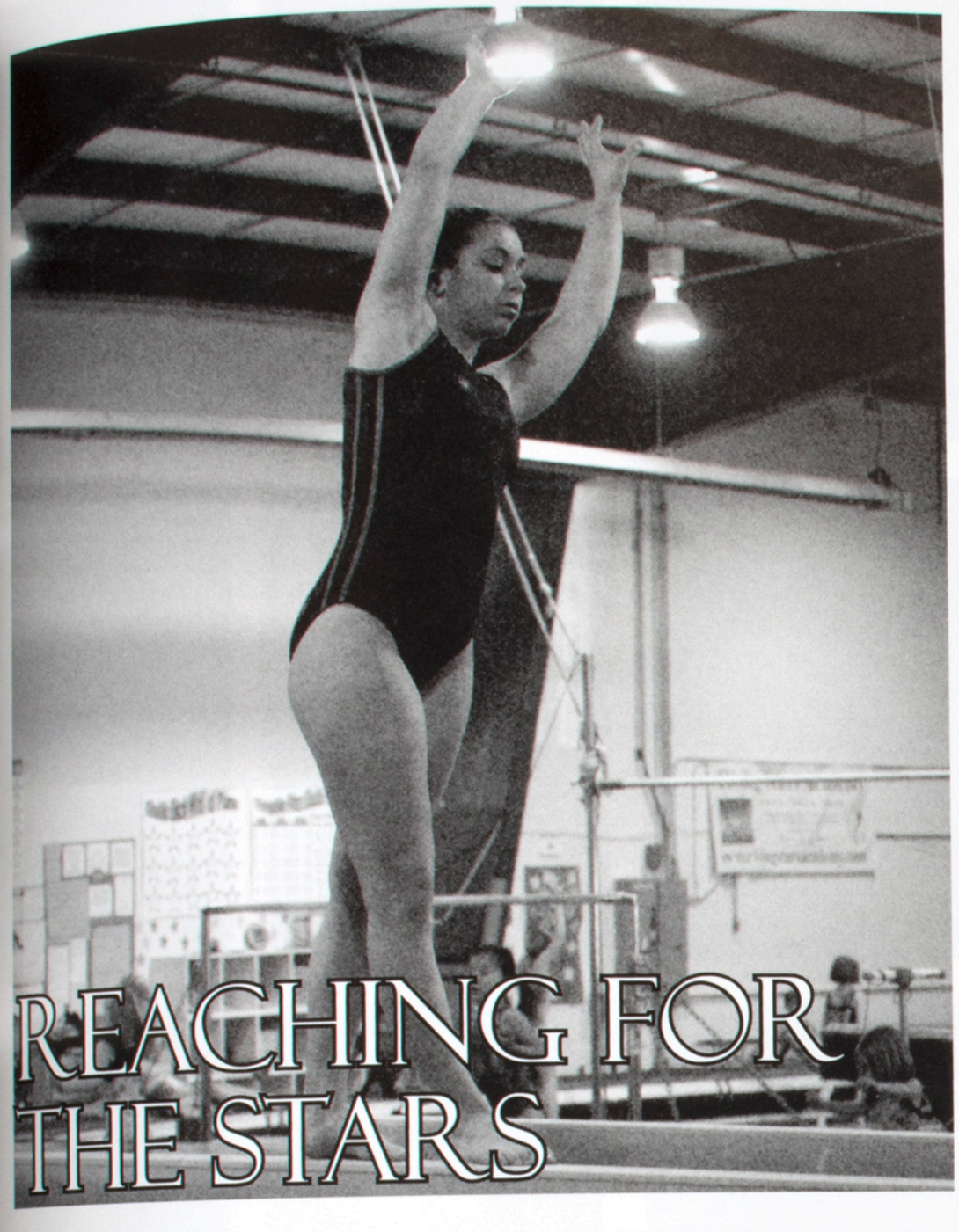



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REACHING FOR THE STARS

By Taira Neal

Sophomore Peyton Taylor knows it's very difficult to compete in gymnastics at the collegiate level, but she still hopes by next year that she will be on some top college recruiting lists.

"I am hoping to get a college scholarship which means that I can't just be an average level 10 gymnast, I have to stand out," Peyton said.

Performing top level gymnastics can be very strenuous on your body.

"I definitely feel a lot of pressure since I am at the top of my sport, but it's only preparing me for what it is going to be like in college," Peyton said.

Peyton's mother, Mary Taylor said starting gymnastics at a young age is very common but it's hard to find a decent gym.

"My friend was the owner of Sportastics a former gymnastics club, so I decided to put Peyton and her sister in some classes," Mary said.

Mary said that staying involved in a sport that takes up a lot of free time, can be tough on a teenage girl but Peyton learned to deal with it well.

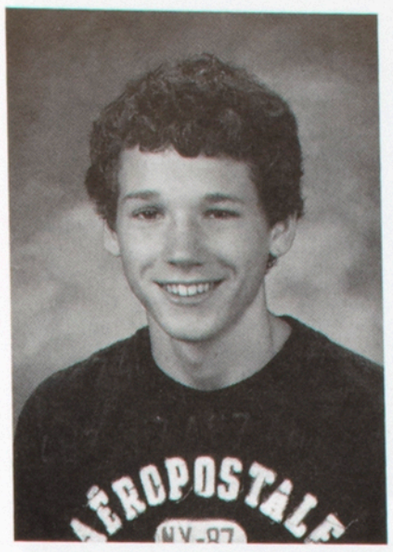
"When you workout 18 hours a week it pretty much leaves you no free time but if I'm not in the gym I like to hang out with my friends, go to church and go shopping!" Peyton said.

As the season gets ready to start at the end of November there are specific goals that Peyton and her mother have set.

"I really want Peyton to start getting noticed by colleges and to just become a better performer," Mary said.

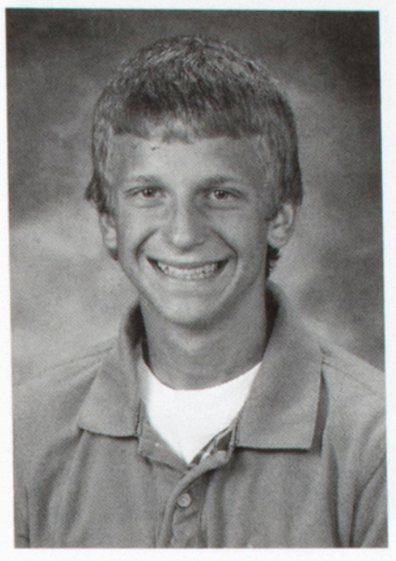
Sophomore Peyton Taylor walks on beam.
Photo by: Anna Nord



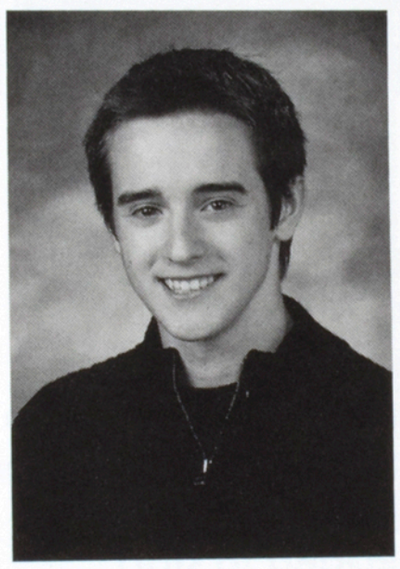


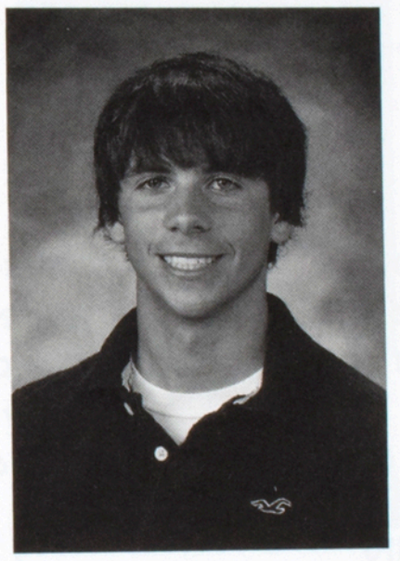
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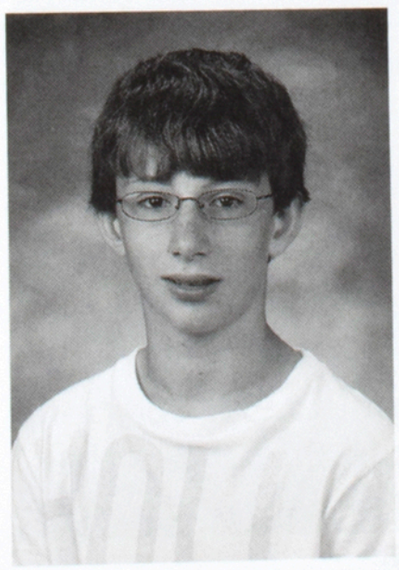


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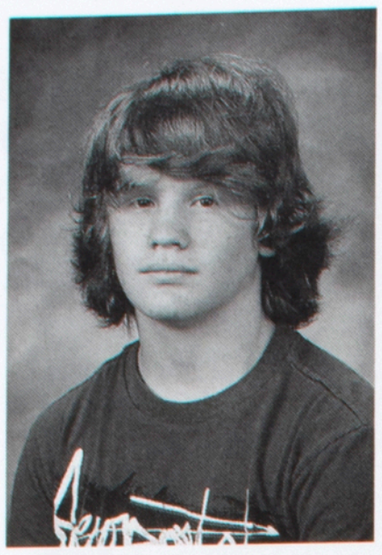
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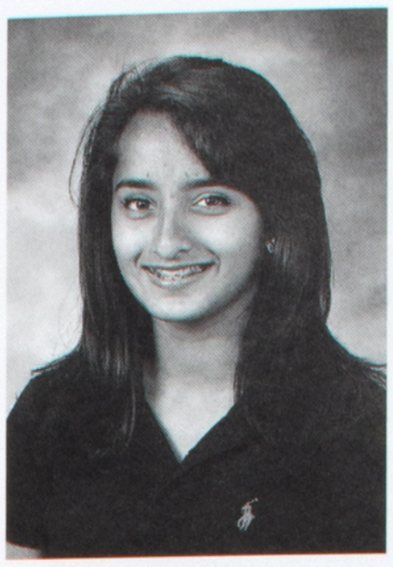


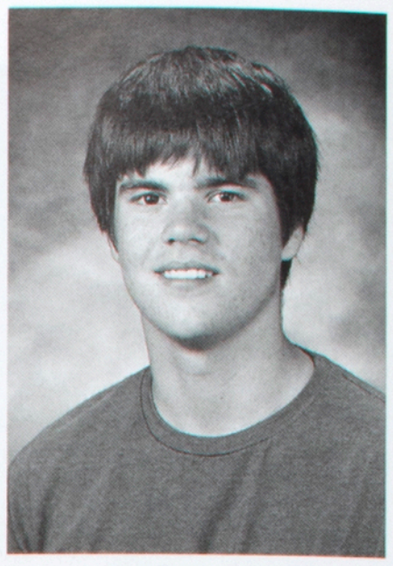
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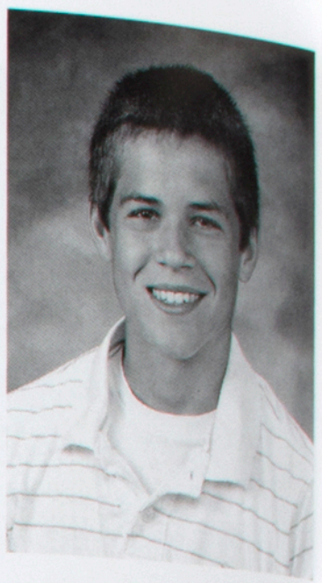
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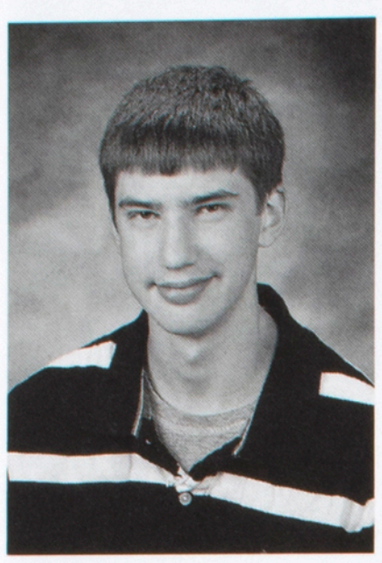


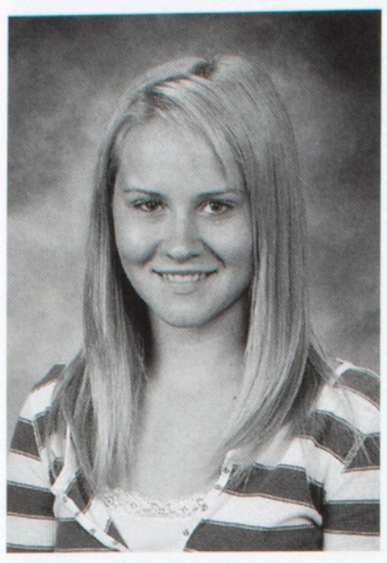


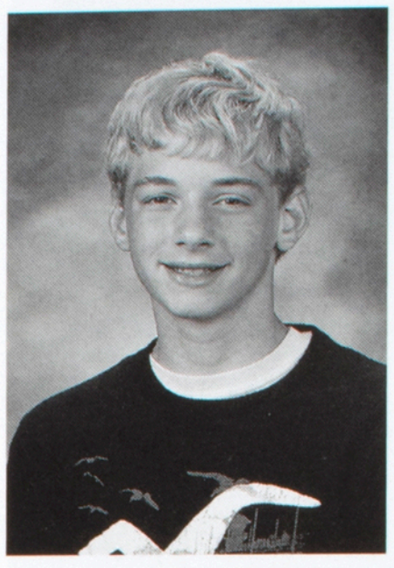




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HIGH HOPES FOR HIGHLAND DANCER

By Danie Reece

Twice a week sophomore Tegan Hunter travels to Springfield to practice a sport few U-High students are familiar with, Highland Dancing.

"I'm from Canada and Highland Dancing is really popular there. When my cousins introduced me to it I liked it so much that I decided to take lessons to see what it was all about," Tegan said.

Tegan started dancing at the age of 10 and has grown to love the sport. She takes part in both competitive dance competitions and in charity dance events such as dancing for members at nursing homes or patients in the hospital.

"I like this sport because of the fact that it is non-contact, but at the same time it is still strenuous," she said.

Tegan's mom Rebecca Houtsma said that she gladly supports Tegan's hobby.

"I think it is wonderful that Tegan is so interested in Highland Dancing. It is nice that it is a traditional support, so that brings some of our culture into it. I also love the fact that it brings happiness to so many people," Houtsma said.

Tegan's brother, Piers Hunter, didn't want to get left out of any of the Scottish fun, so he decided to give the bagpipes a try.

"I decided to start playing the bagpipes because Tegan was already going to Springfield twice a week, so it made sense for me to go with her. I really enjoy playing the bagpipes and I think that it is a great traditional thing to do," Piers said.

Tegan dances competitively and said that she enjoys the competitive edge that dancing provides.

"Last year I was on my way to the Highland Games that were held in Kentucky during their Scottish weekend and I ended up being 25 minutes late. I missed some of my events, but I still managed to get first in the competition. I was excited that after the craziness of the day I was still able to do well," Tegan said.

Tegan hopes to compete at this competition again this year and plans to do just as well as last year if not better.

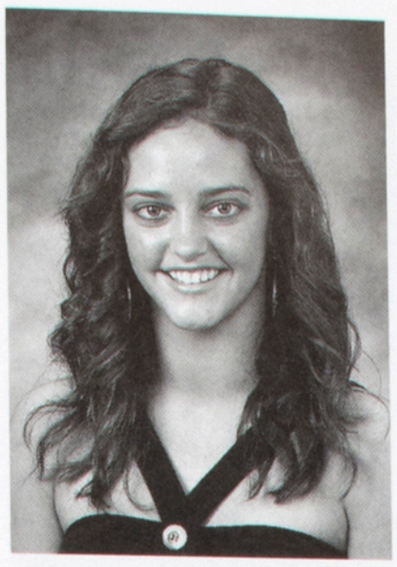


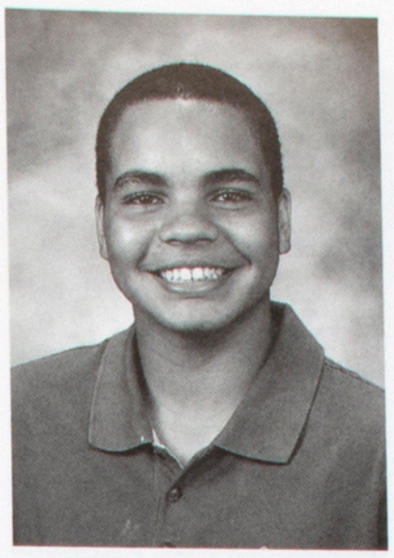
Sophomore Tegan Hunter performs Highland Dance to crowd.
Photo courtesy of Tegan Hunter



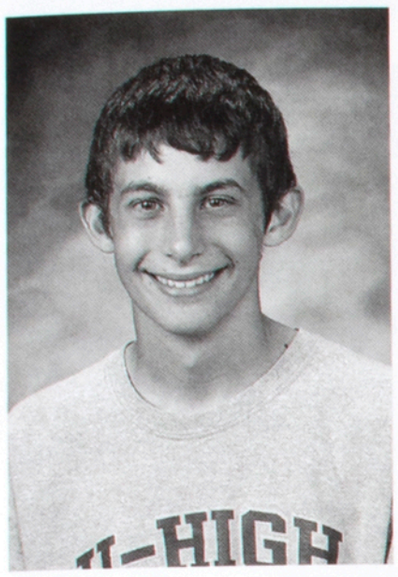


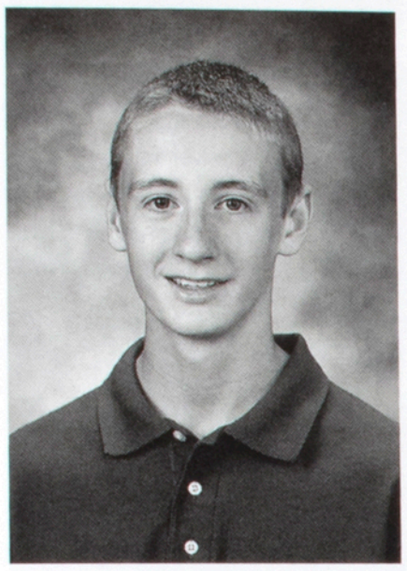




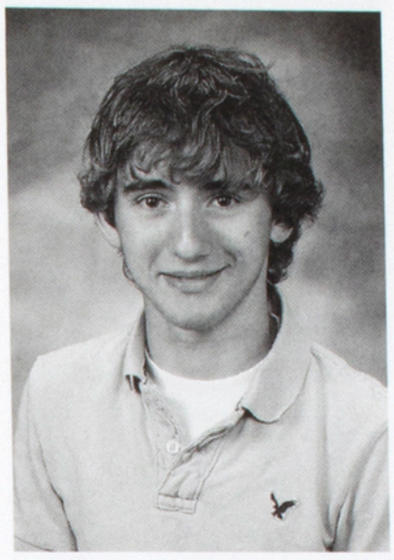


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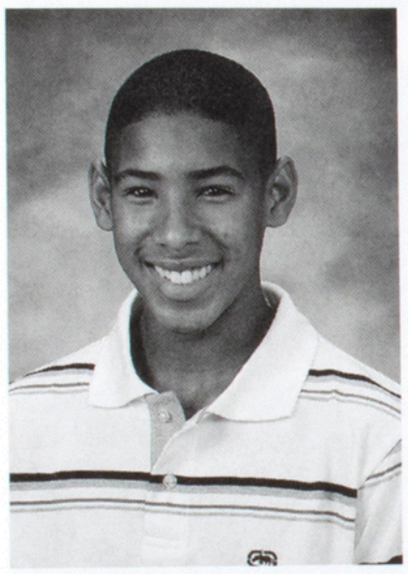


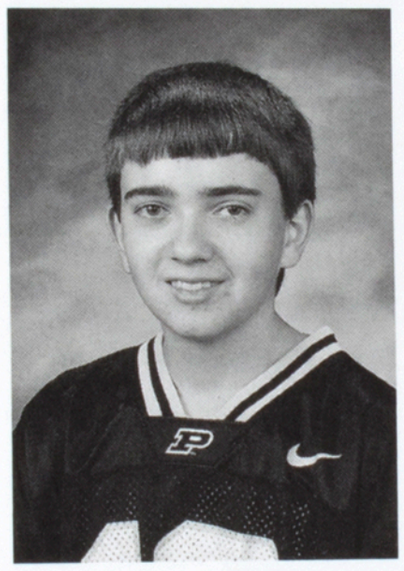


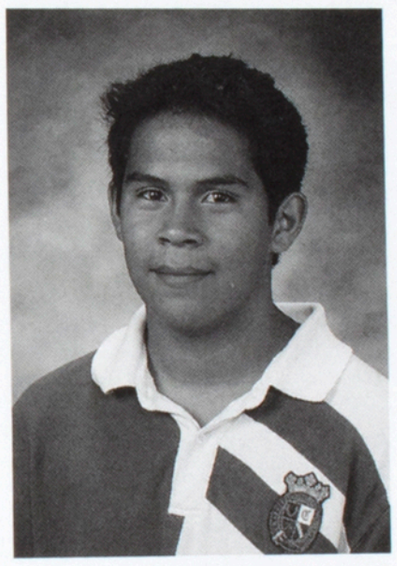


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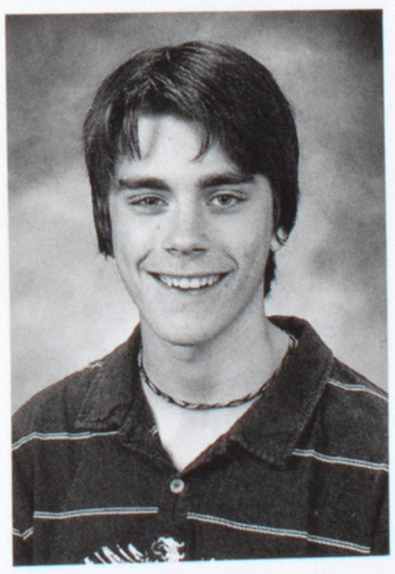
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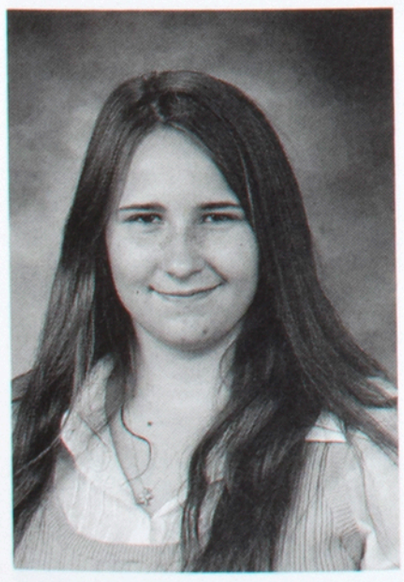




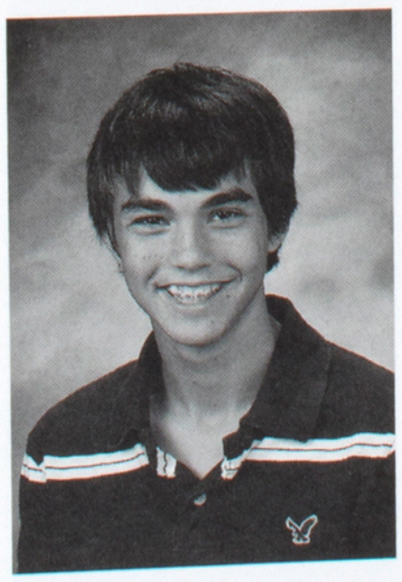


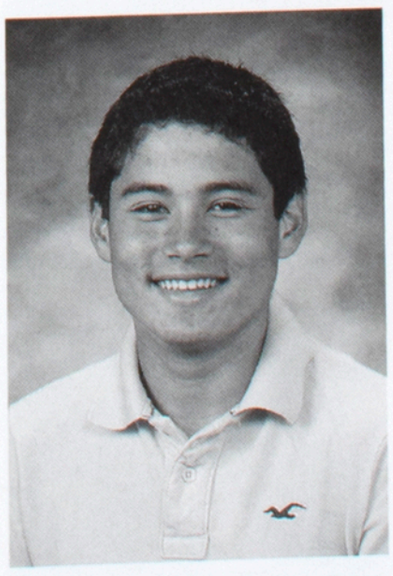
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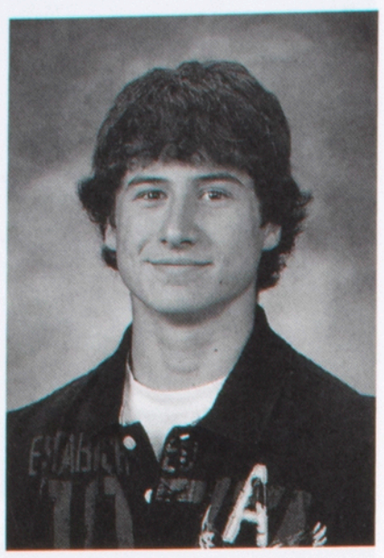
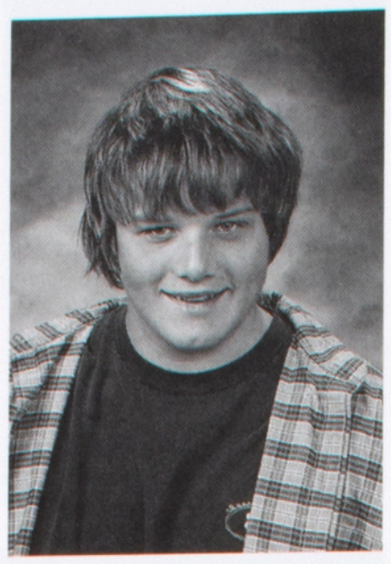
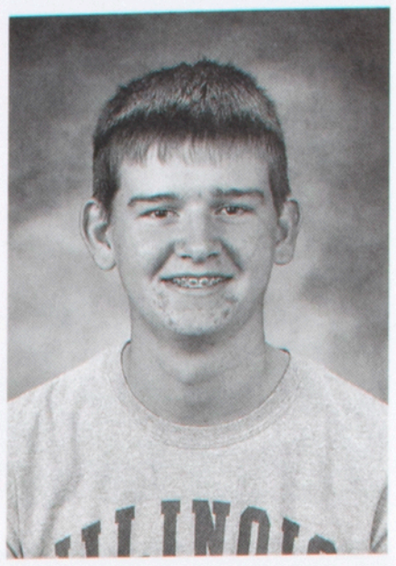


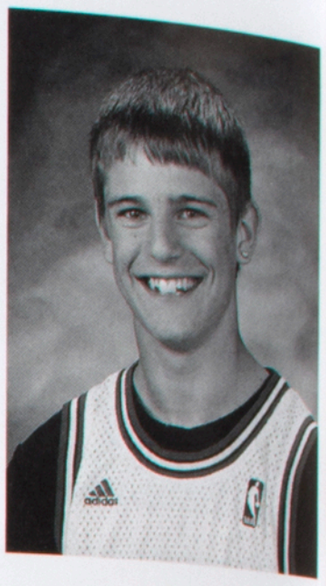




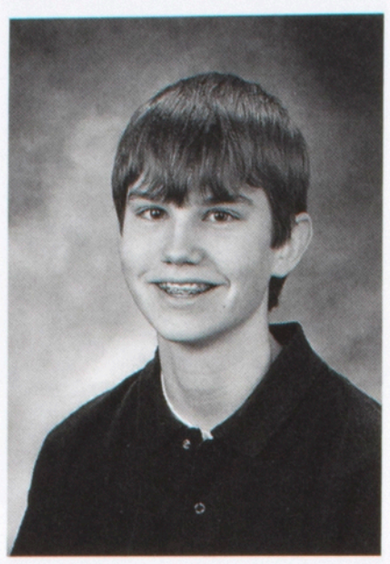
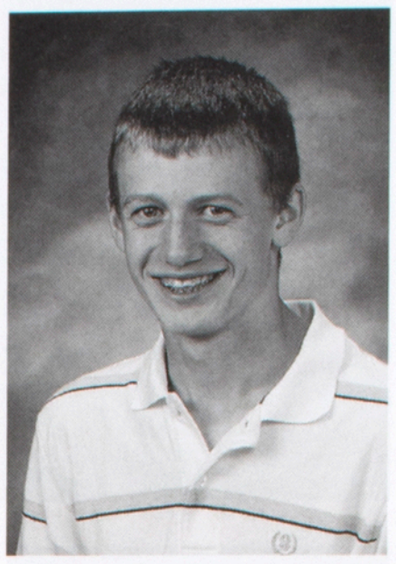
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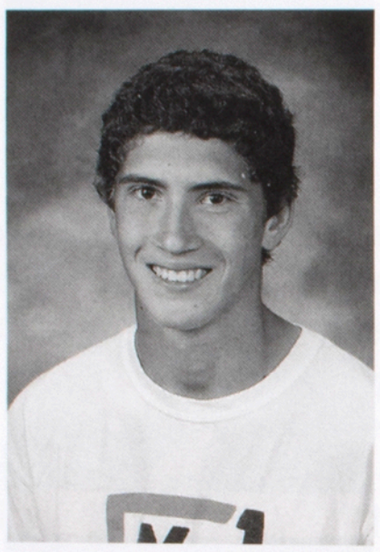
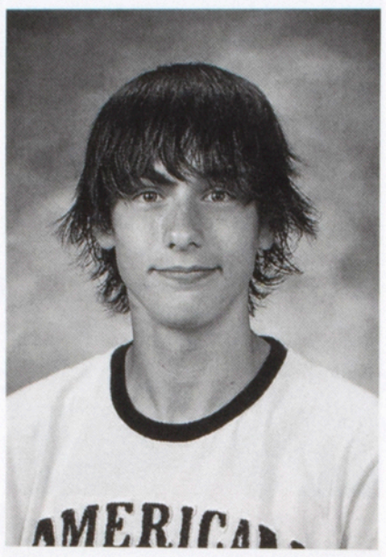
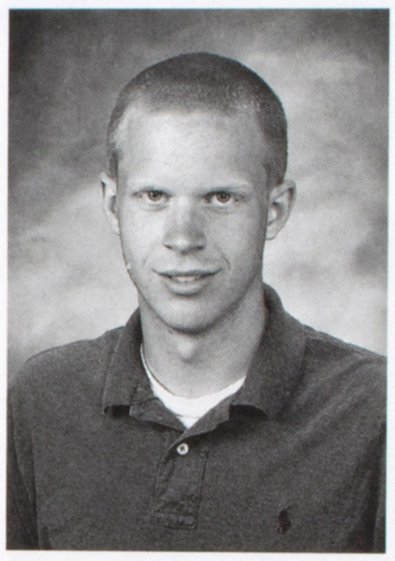
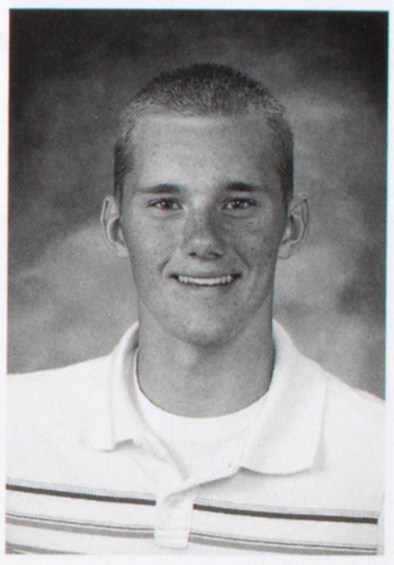


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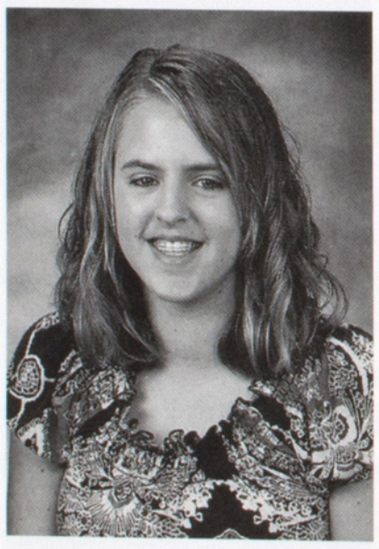
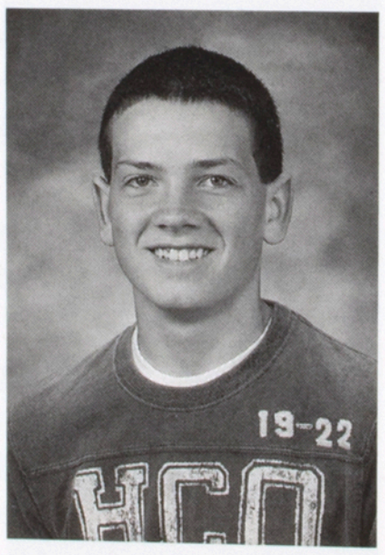




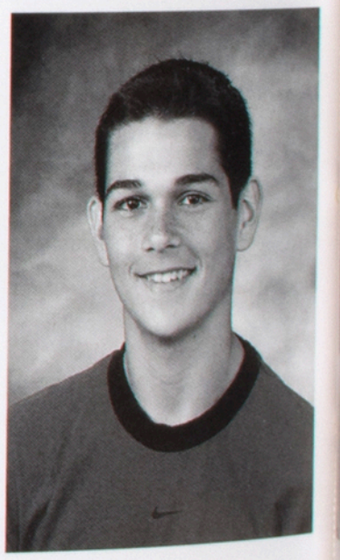


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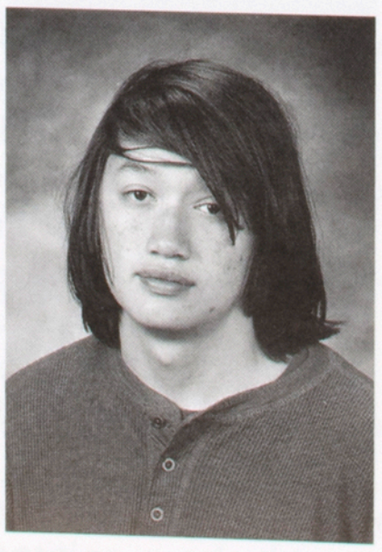
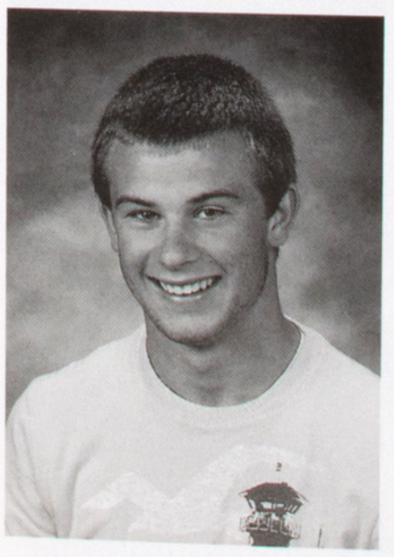
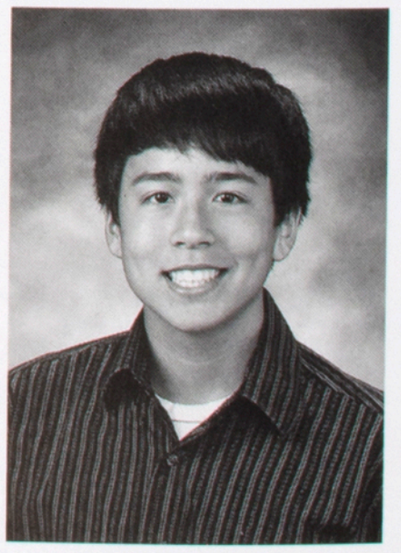






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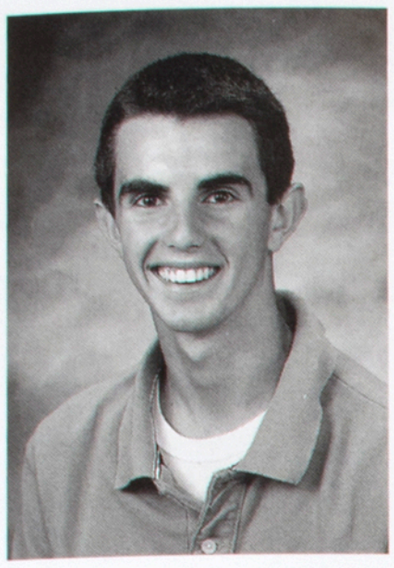



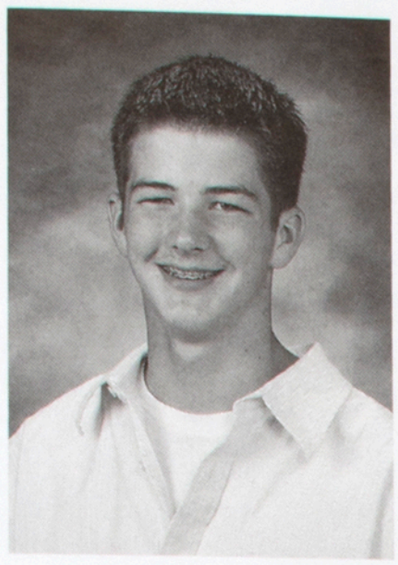



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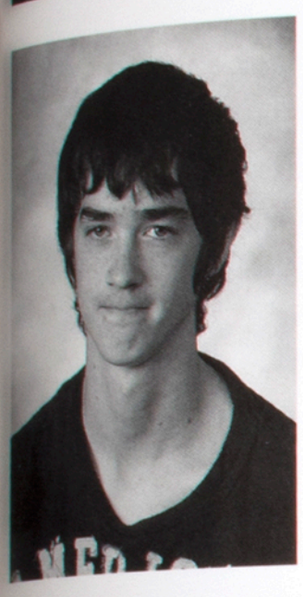





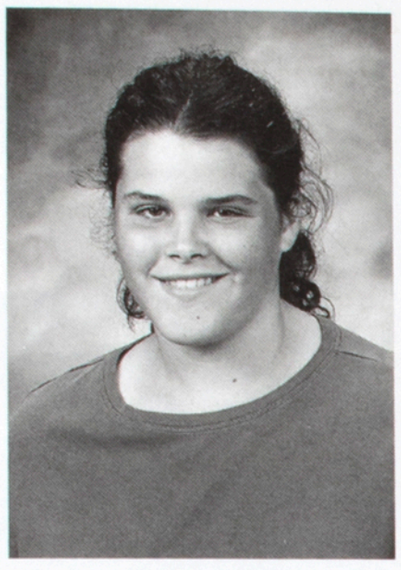




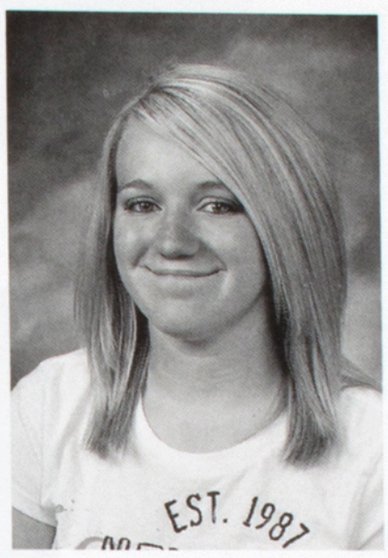
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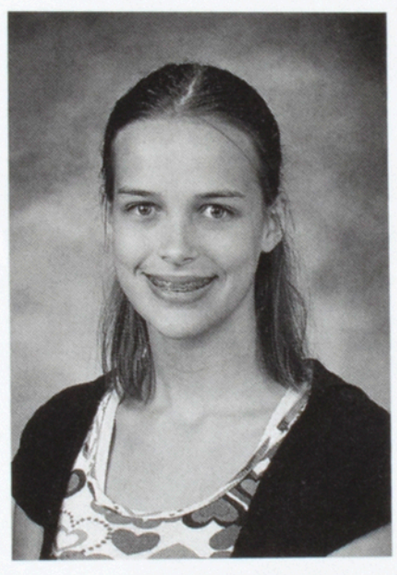


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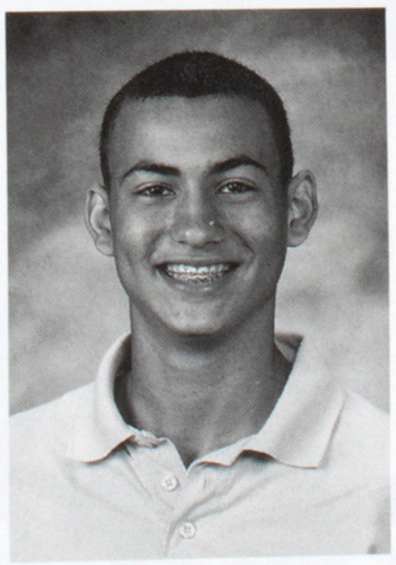


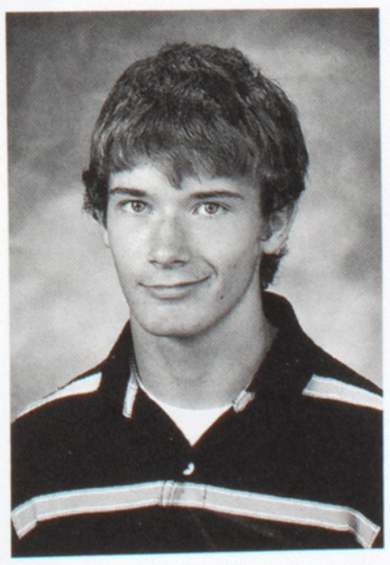
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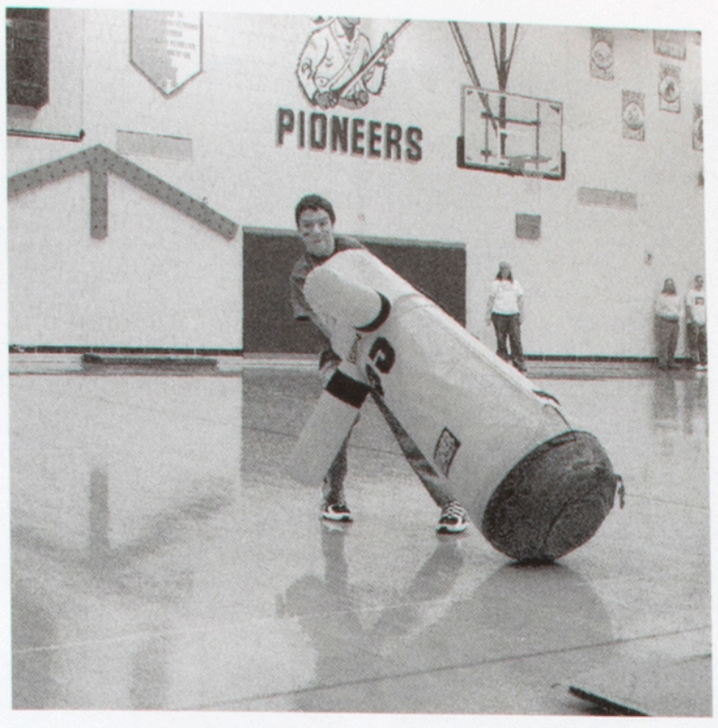


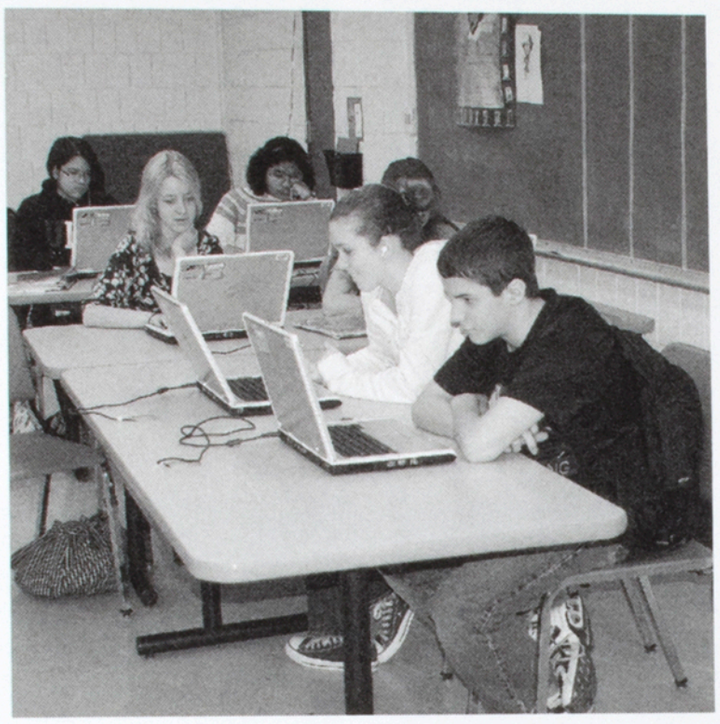
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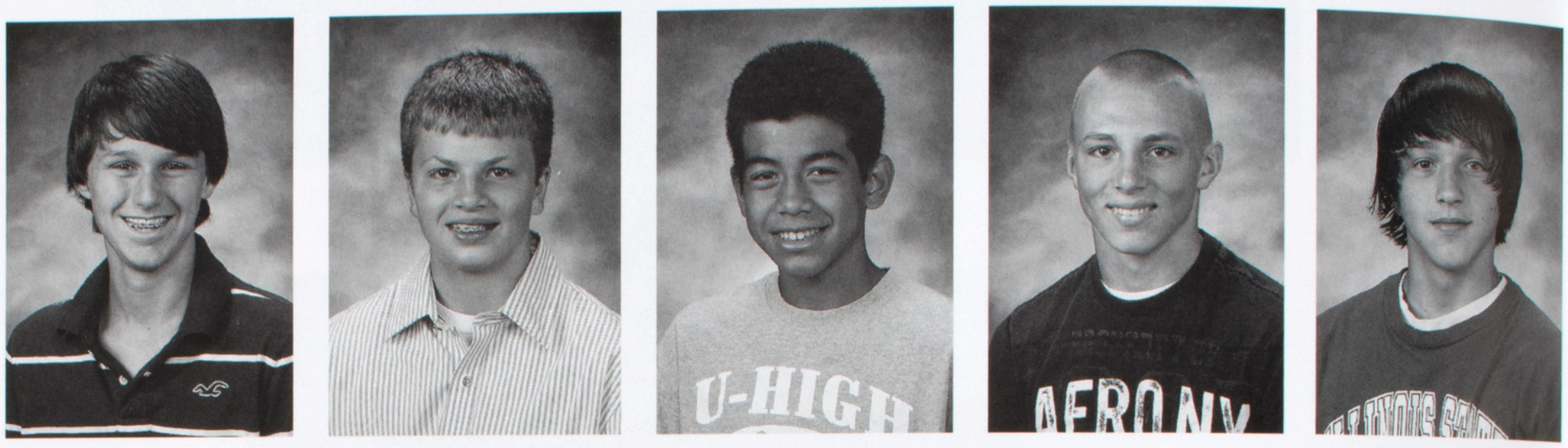


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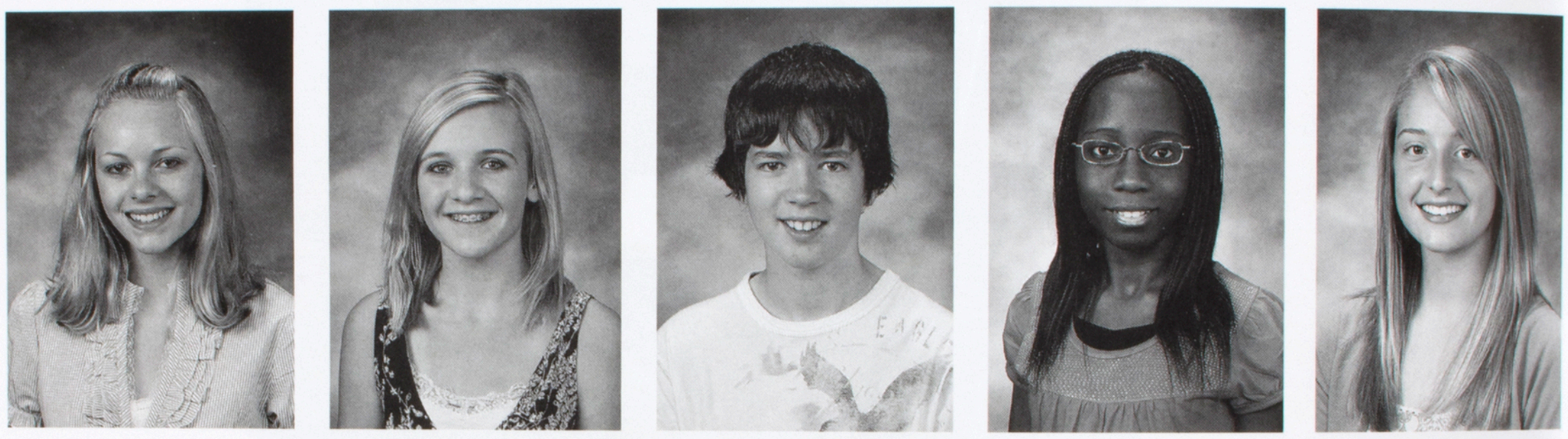
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BEHIND THE MASK

By Kelsie Celis

Freshman wrestler Alex Bee was forced to forfeit during his championship match at the regional tournament due to an injury.

Bee was taken down by his opponent, Tyler Bonic from Morris High School, in the first period.

Wrestling Coach Mike Troll said that was when Bee's eye got caught on Bonic's headgear.

"I wasn't sure right away that he was going to have to forfeit, but I wasn't going to take any chances," Troll said.

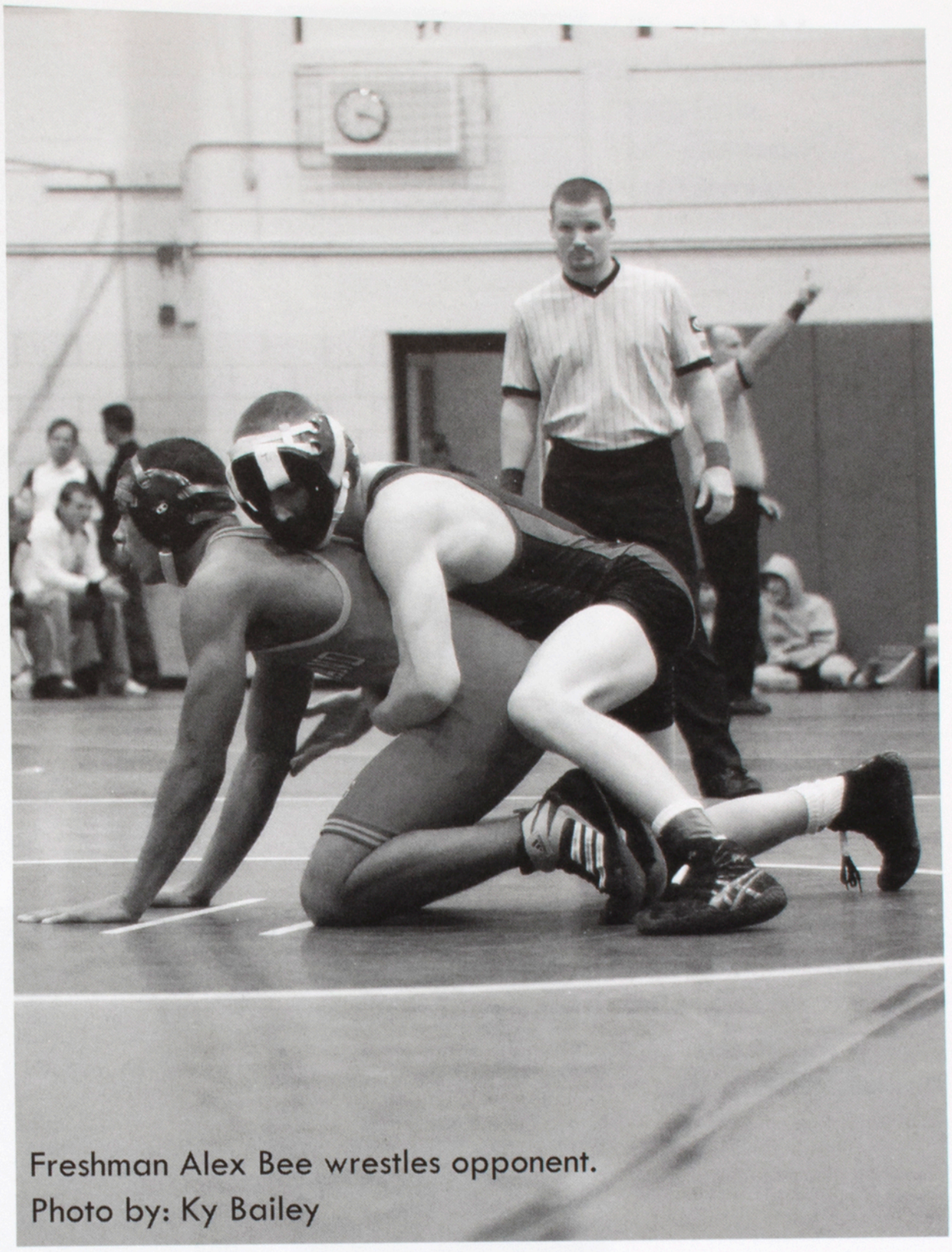
Bee couldn't recall how he cut his eye open, but he left the tournament immediately to get stitches.

Although Bee had to forfeit, he still ended up getting second in the regional tournament and advanced to the sectional tournament.

"I wanted to finish the match, but at the same time I already qualified for sectionals," Bee said.

Bee won both of his other matches against Richards from Streator High School with a 23 second fall, and against Hernandez from Bloomington High School, 6-5.

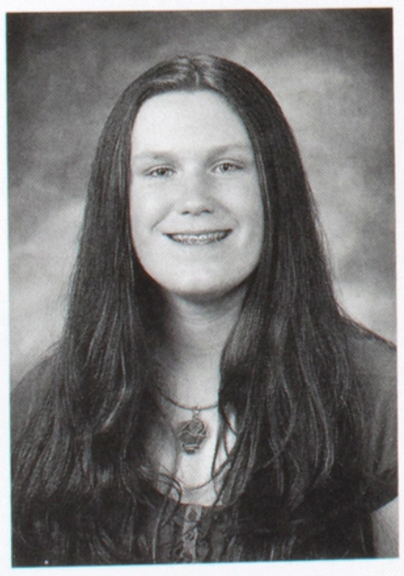
Bee now wears a mask when he wrestles, but he said it wouldn't affect his wrestling.

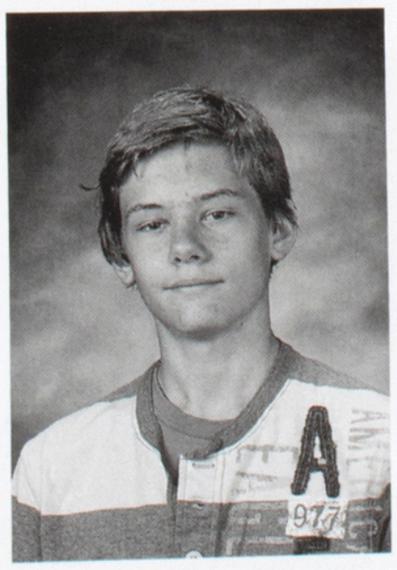


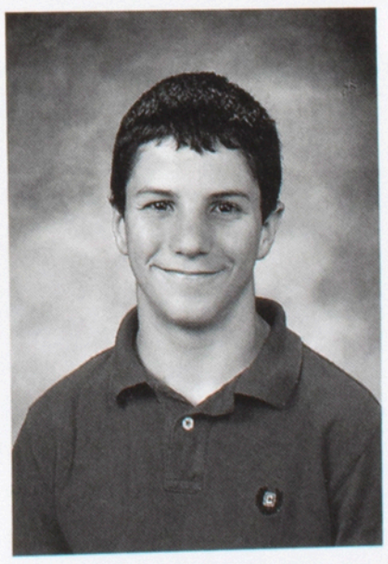
Freshman Alex Bee wrestles opponent.
Photo by: Ky Bailey







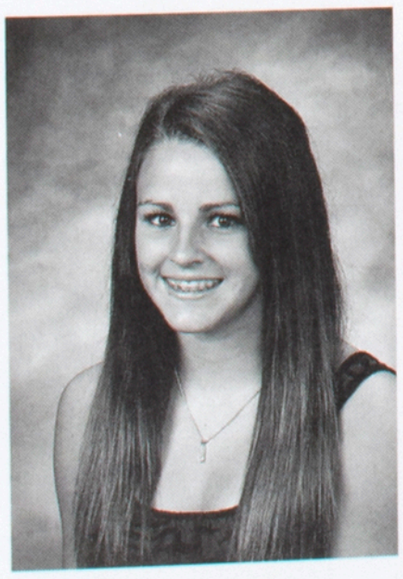


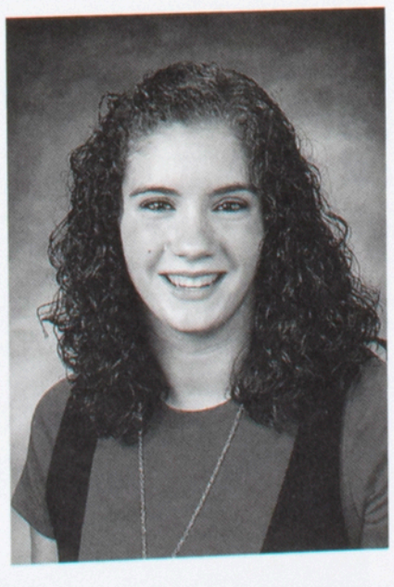


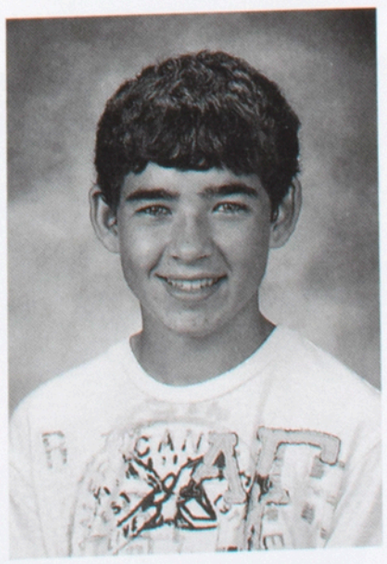
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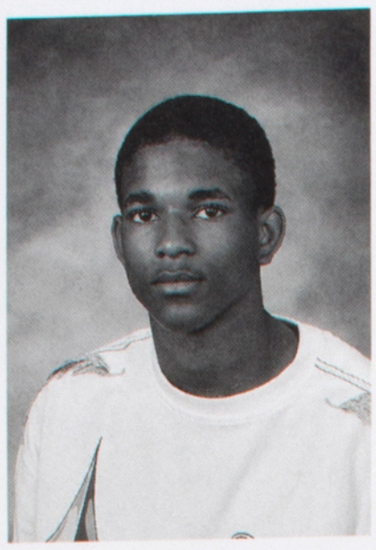






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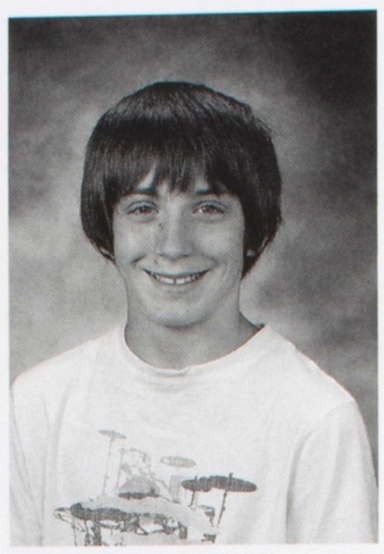
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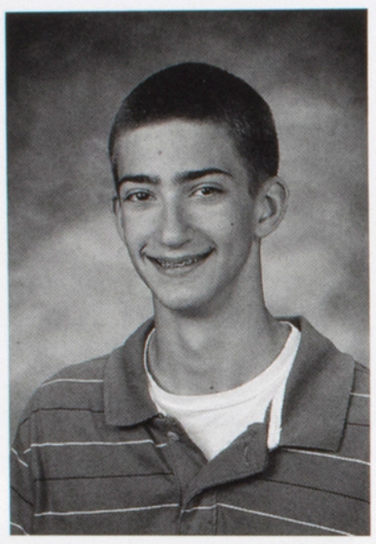


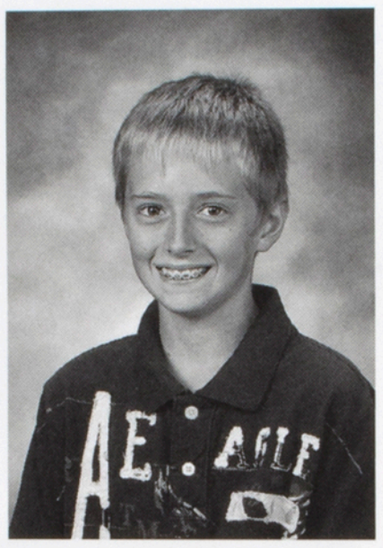
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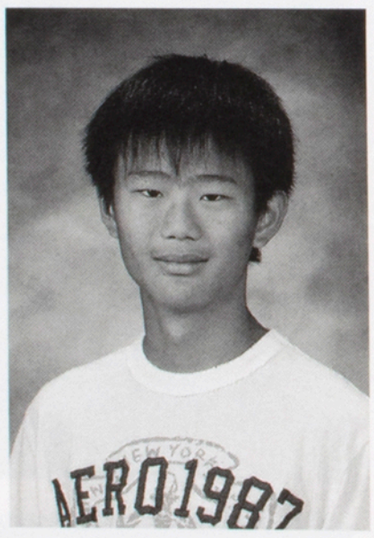


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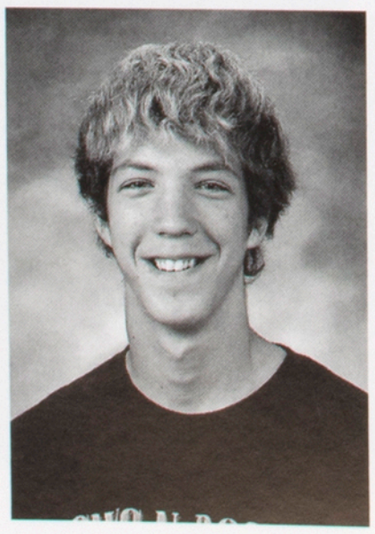


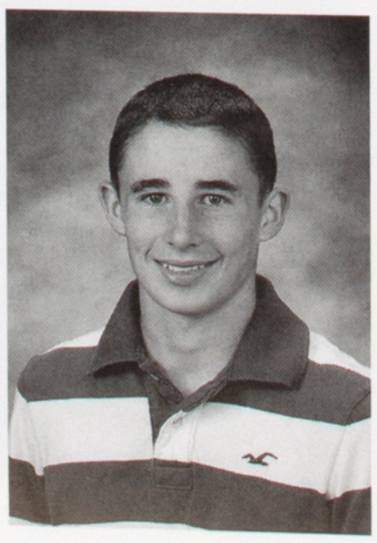
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DRIBBLING TO THE TOP

By Leah Lancaster

Making the University High School basketball team is a challenge itself. Making the varsity team is even harder, and making varsity as a freshman is extremely uncommon.

"We haven't had a freshman on the varsity basketball team for eight years," basketball coach Bob Fitzgerald said.

The year 2008 must have been a lucky one for the U-High basketball team, because four freshmen ended up playing varsity.

Freshmen Marlin Pettis, Mitchell Styczynski, McKinley Elm, and Tommy Schiller all joined the team.

"They made the team because they happened to be at varsity level their first year. It is not very common, but they all contribute a lot to the team," Fitzgerald said.

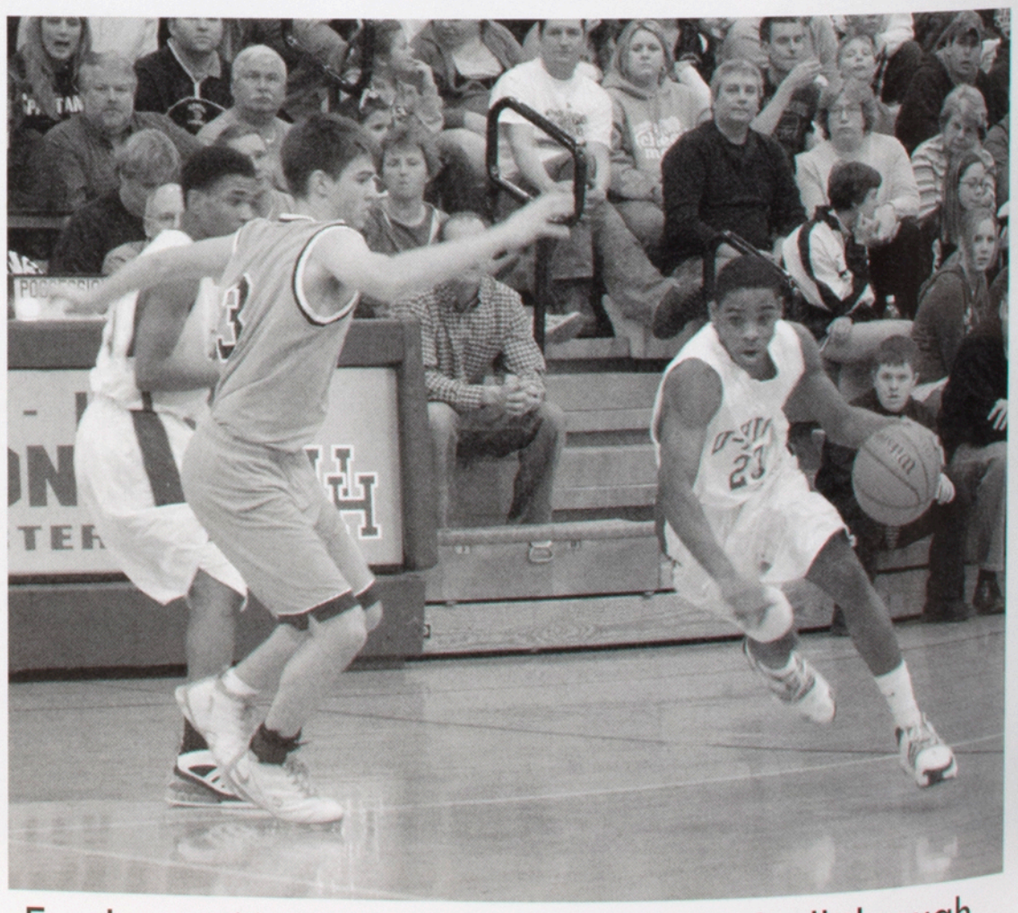
Although the four players have a lot of natural talent, they all agreed that they had to push themselves especially hard to make the varsity team.

"It's definitely a challenge because you have to work hard at every practice and game; while staying level headed and focused," Styczynski said. "When I found out made varsity I was completely shocked, but excited about playing higher competition. I knew the experience would make me a better player."

Pettis felt excited about being part of the team as well, but did not feel shocked about making varsity.

"I've played basketball for a long time, so I thought I was capable of making varsity. Although since I'm a freshman, I have to push myself even more to earn the same respect as the upperclassmen," Pettis said.

Making varsity as freshman obviously takes a lot of hard work and talent, but the biggest drive for Pettis, Styczynski, Schiller, and Elm is the love of the game.

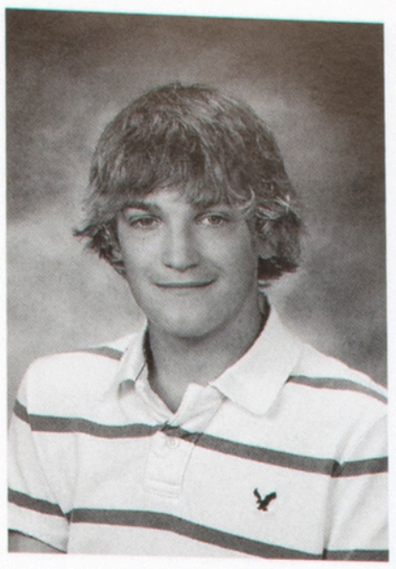


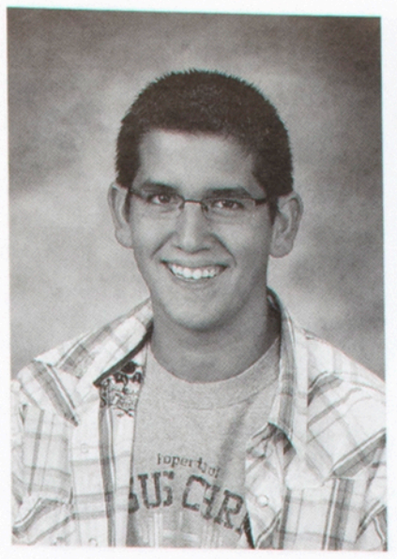
Freshman Marlin Pettis dribbles the ball through Olympia's defense
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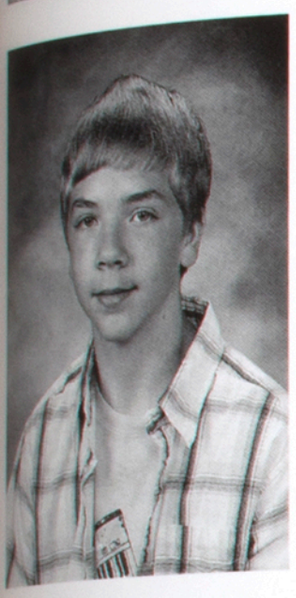






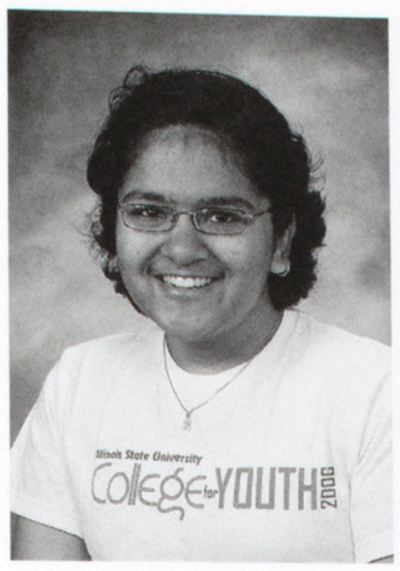


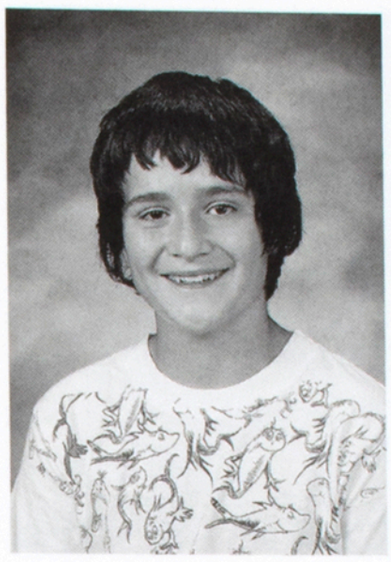
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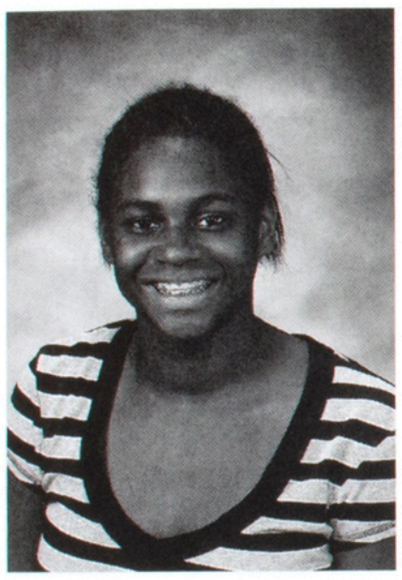


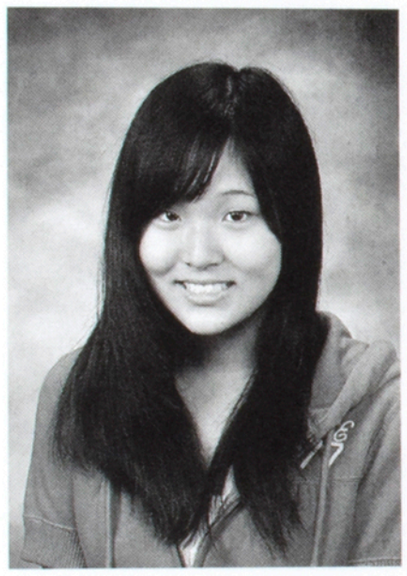


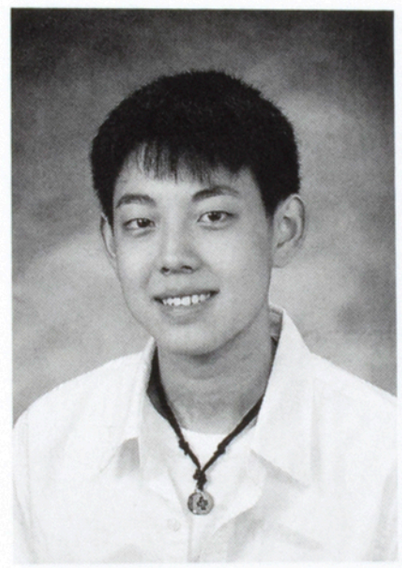


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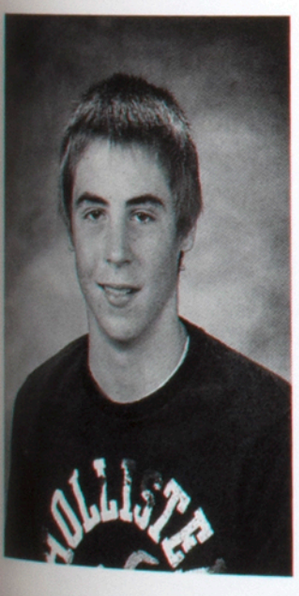




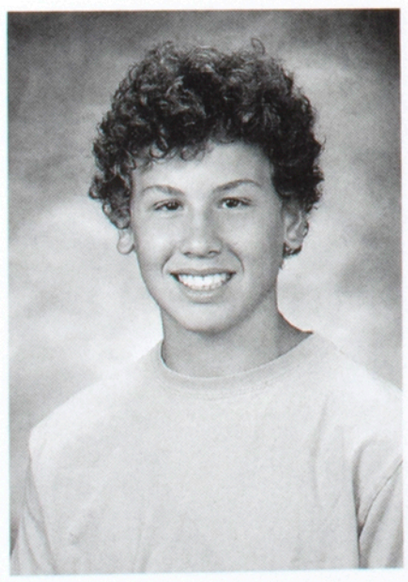




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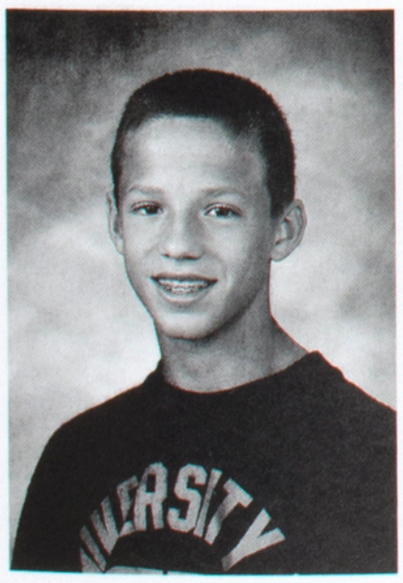


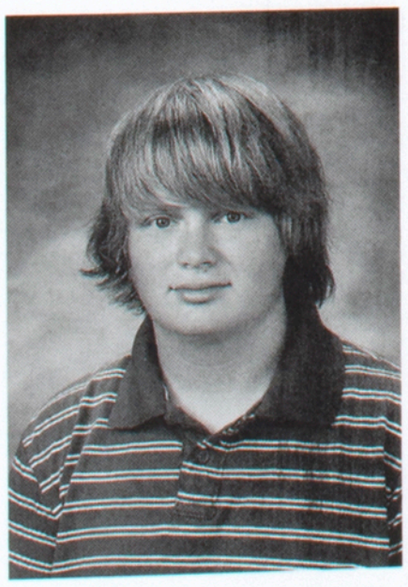


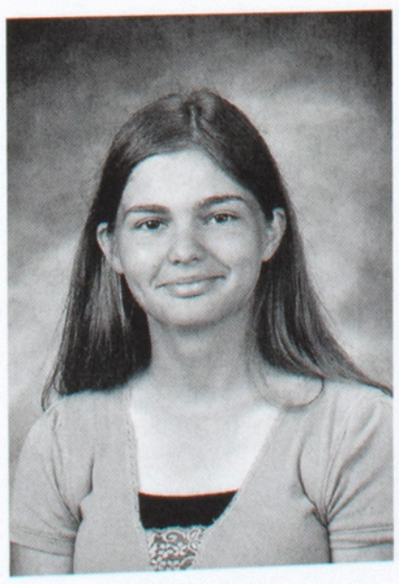


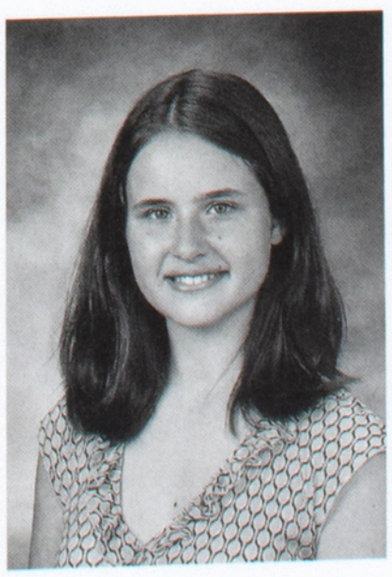
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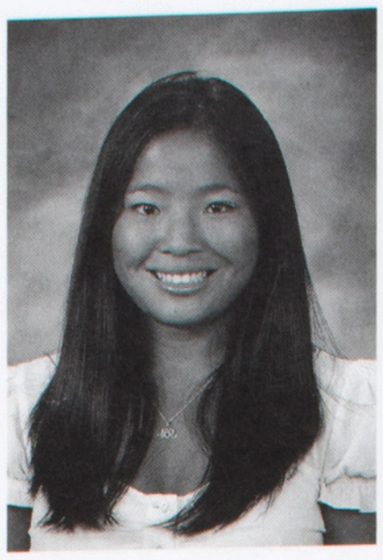


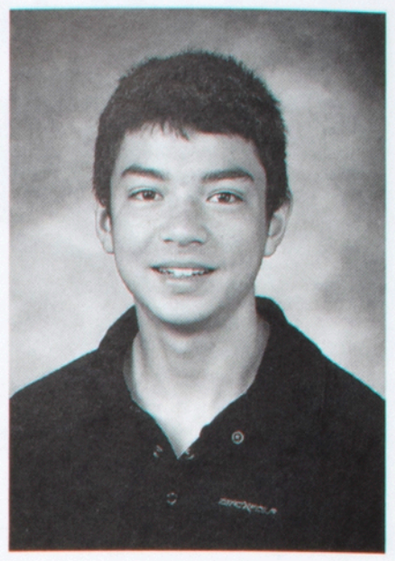




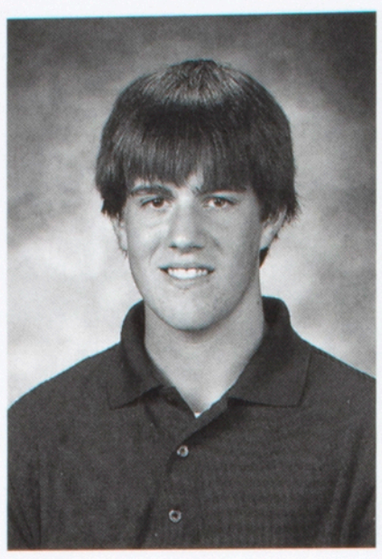
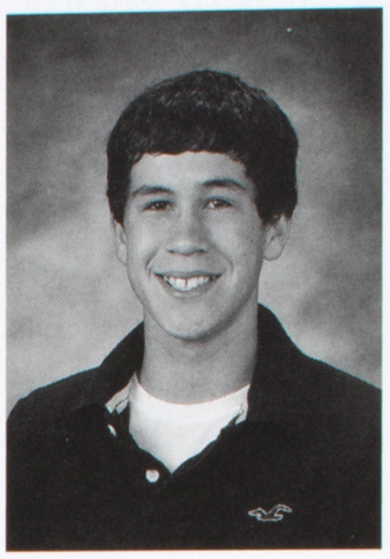
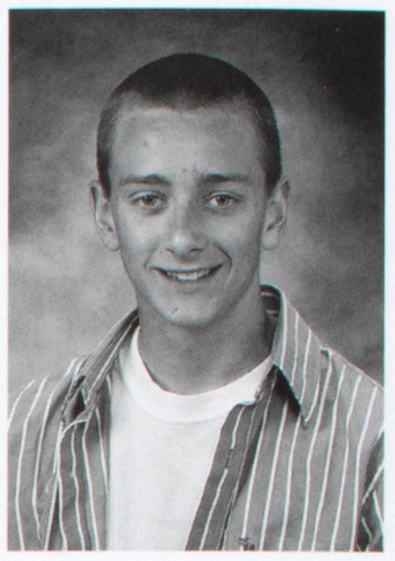
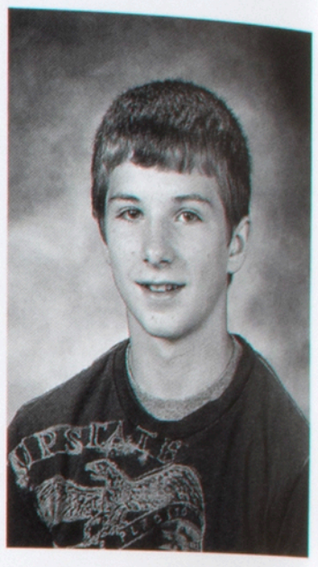
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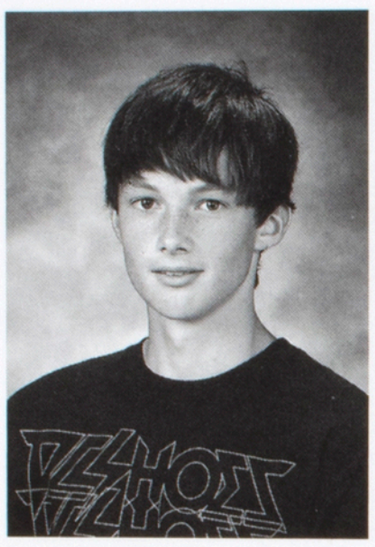
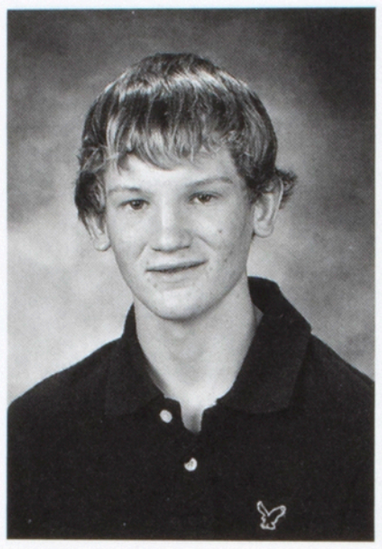






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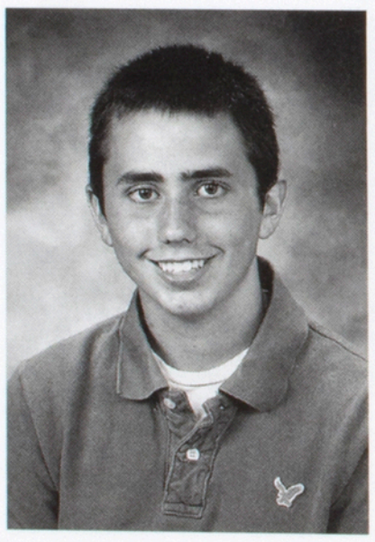
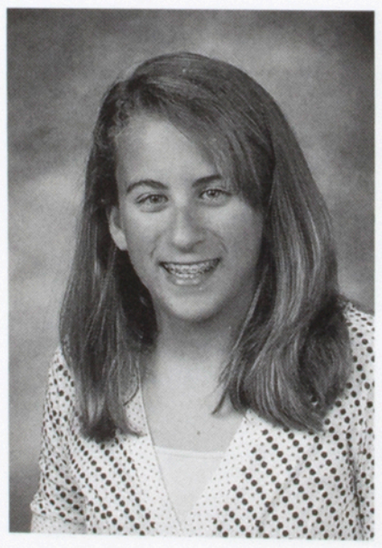
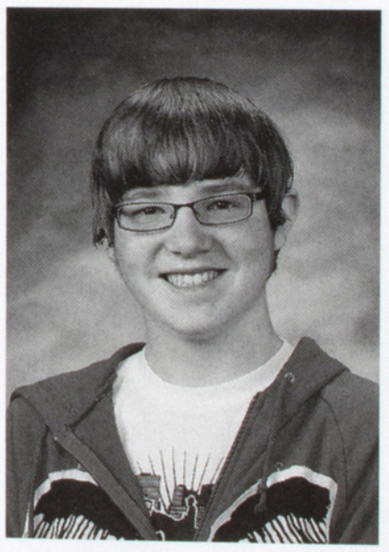






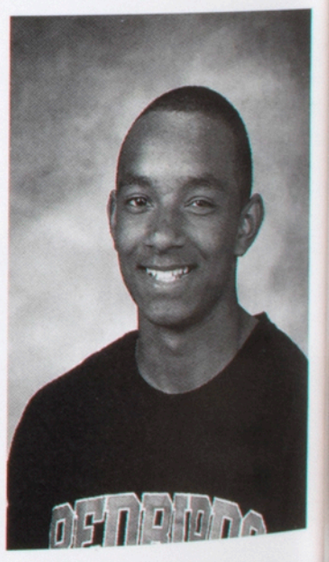
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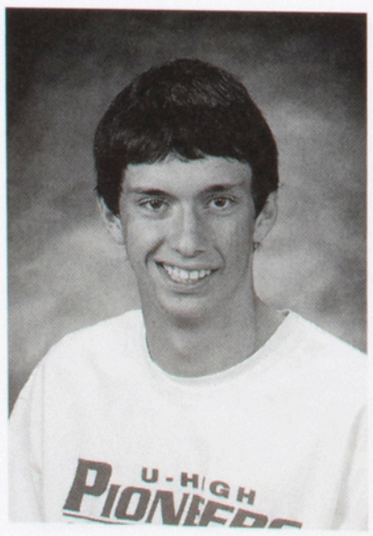


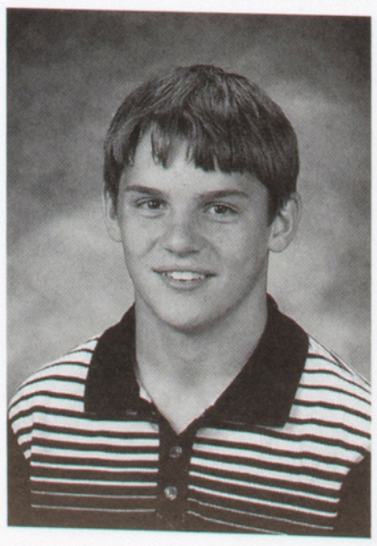
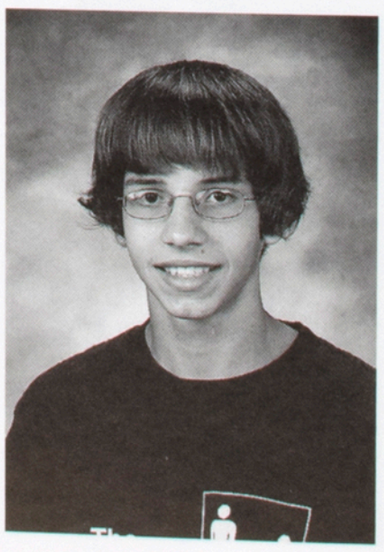
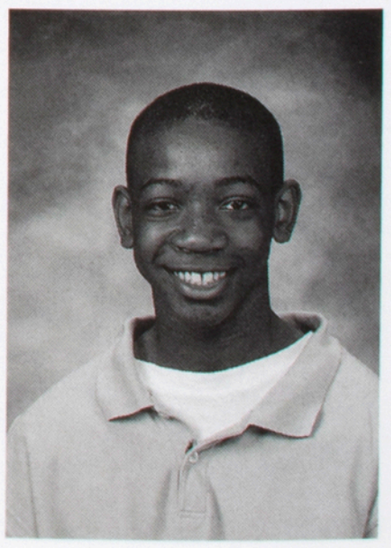

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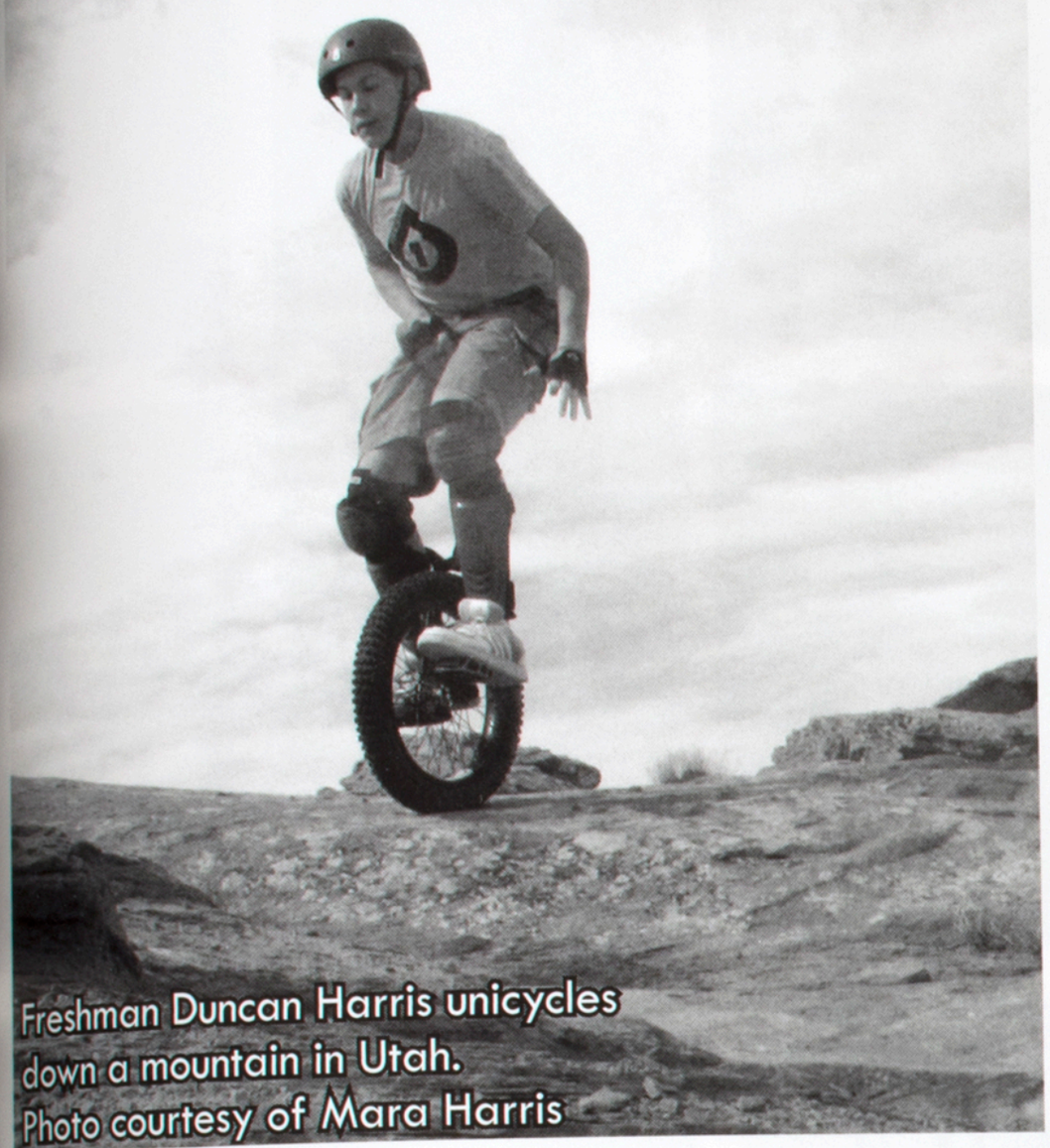


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TAKING CYCLING TO A NEW ALTITUDE



Freshman Duncan Harris unicycles down a mountain in Utah.
Photo courtesy of Mara Harris

By Allie Maher

Freshman Duncan Harris was one of 200 unicyclists to venture to Moab, Utah the last week of March for the tenth Annual Moab Unifest (Mountain Unicycling Festival).

Harris said that he was introduced to unicycling at Metcalf for the Jr. Gamma Phi Circus. Now, eight years later, he doesn't just stick to street riding.

"I've known about it for three or four years and this year we had the funds to do it so we said 'Eh, why not?," Harris said.

The fest consisted of three days of riding the Slickrock trails. Harris started out on the easier ones, and on the third day decided to take on the Porcupine Pro-ride Trail.

"The trail is 17 miles and has a lot of big rocks, crevices, and wasn't very wide," Harris said.

His mom, Mara Harris, traveled with him and patiently waited while he rode the trails.

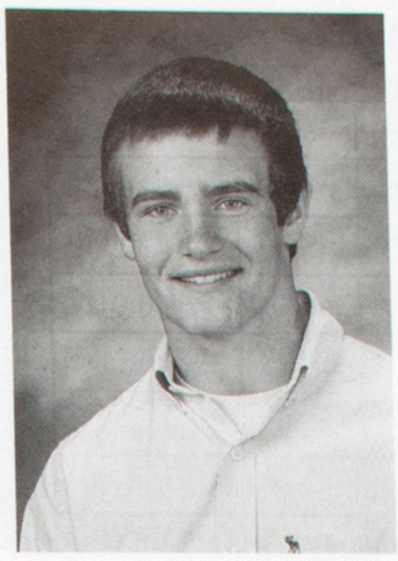
"Of course I was sitting there biting my nails when he was on a cliff with a 200 foot drop, so I waited for six or seven hours for everyone to come off the mountain and took pictures," Mara said.

Cyclists came from all over the country and a couple from overseas, but Harris was the only one from Illinois.

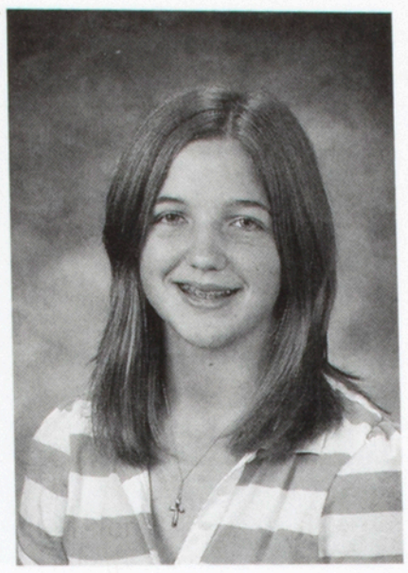
One acquaintance that Duncan made was pro- unicyclist Kris Holm. Duncan described him as the "Lance Armstrong of unicycling."

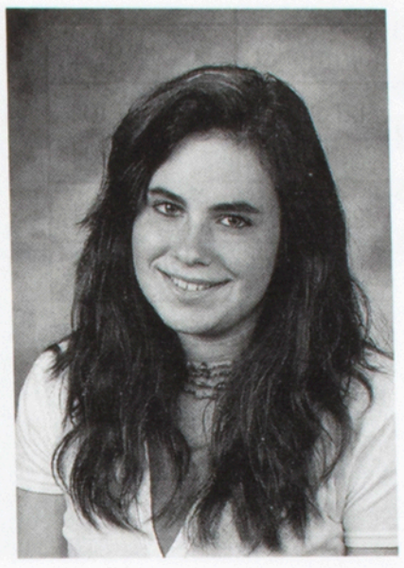
"It was just pure enjoyment meeting new people and trying something new. I definitely hope to go back," Duncan said.



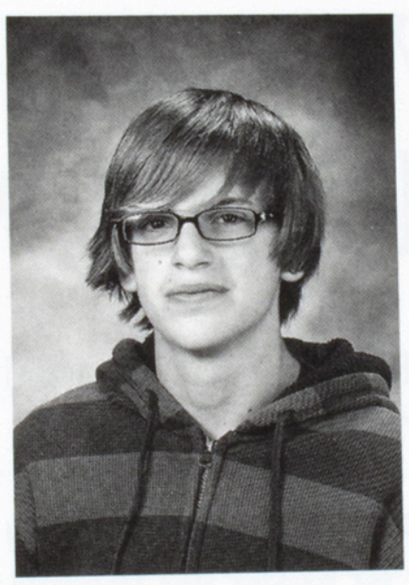


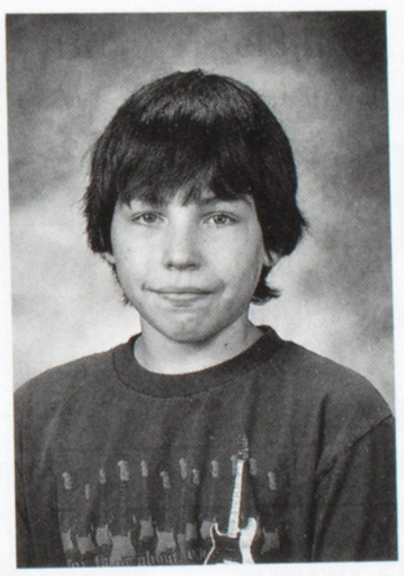
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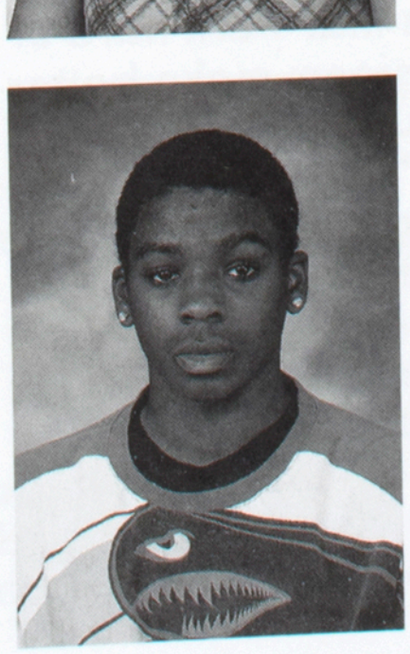


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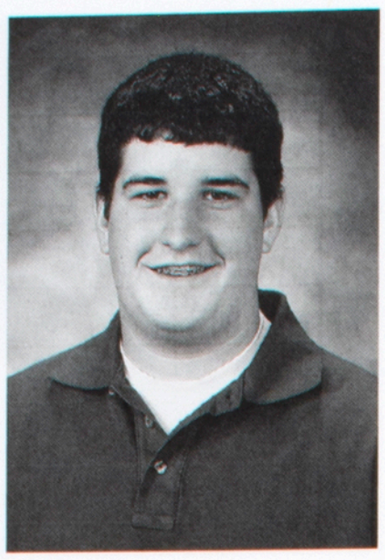
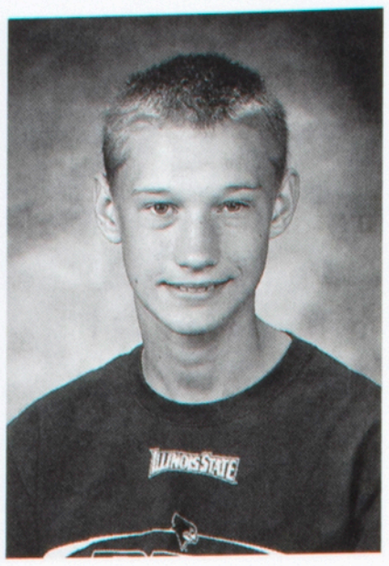
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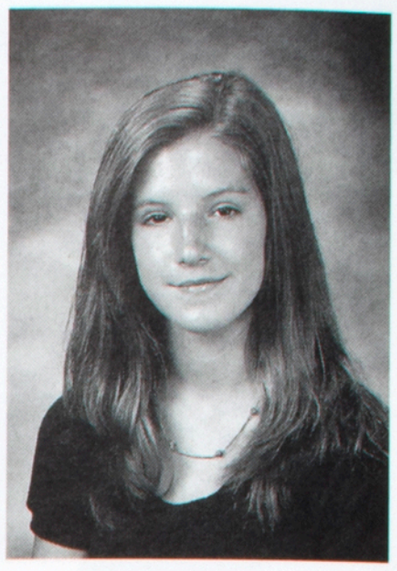
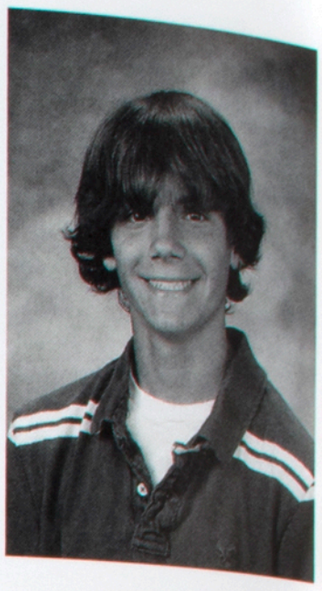




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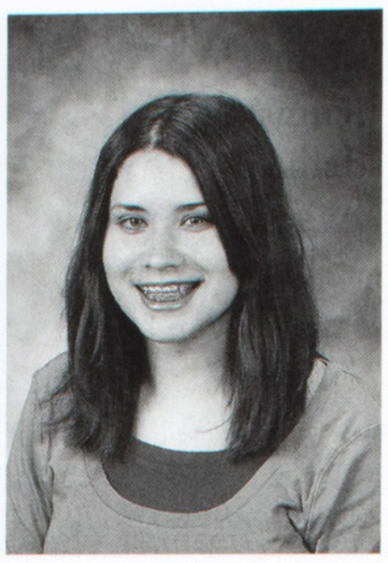
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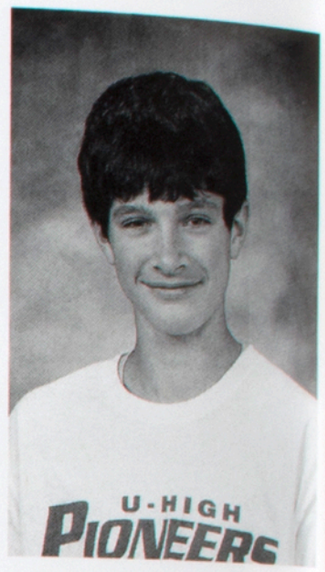



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HOME TO WELL-ROUNDED ATHLETES

By Danie Reece

Some U-High students won big both on the field and in the classroom as seven fall sports teams qualified for the Team Academic Achievement Award.

In order to qualify for the award, the average GPA of the team must have been at least a 3.00 or above.

The qualifying team's GPA ranged from a 3.21 for the boys golf team to a 3.8 for the girls tennis team.

Cross country coach Lester Hampton said that he thinks that it is very important for student athletes to perform well in the classroom and that this award demonstrates the determination that U-High athletes have when it comes to school work.

"I think that students need to be as good in the classroom as they are on the field, if not better," Hampton said.

Freshmen volleyball player Haley Suave said that she puts in extra effort on homework and studying in order to keep up during the sports season.

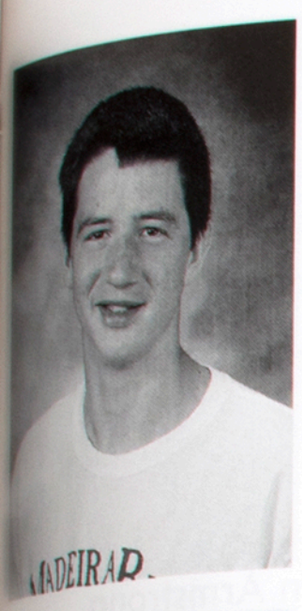
"High school is hard and I need to work really hard in order to keep my grades up. School comes first, so before I commit to playing a sport I make sure I can get all of my work done," Suave said.

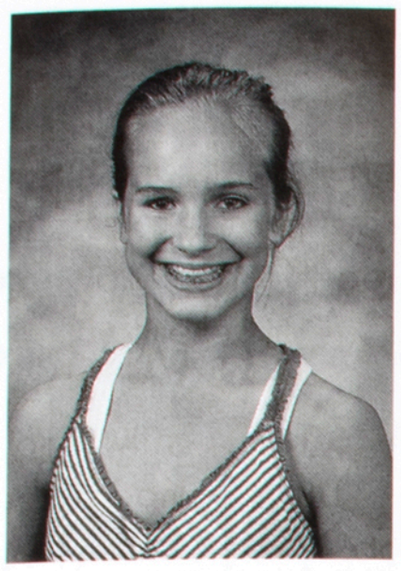
Athletic director Wendy Smith said that students that work hard in the classroom make better athletes.

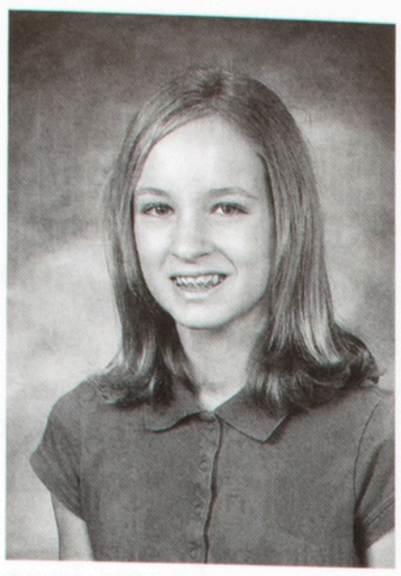
"Coaches enjoy coaching players who listen, take instruction, take criticism, and understand what they are being taught or asked to do. Disciplined student-athletes seem to do better in the classroom and on the playing field," Smith said.

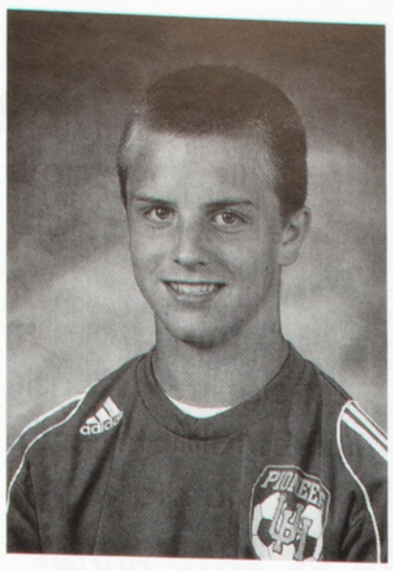


U-High's volleyball team huddles together.
Photo by: Casie Golliday











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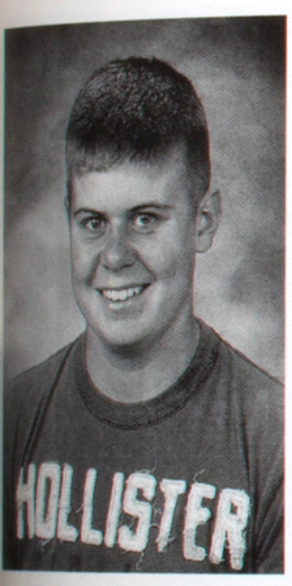


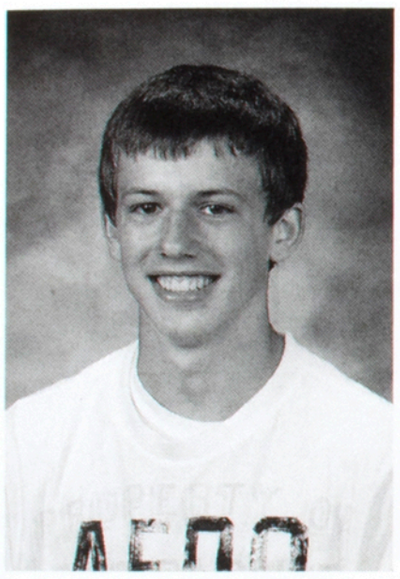






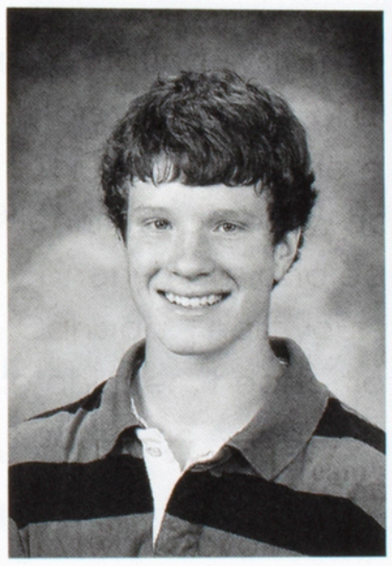
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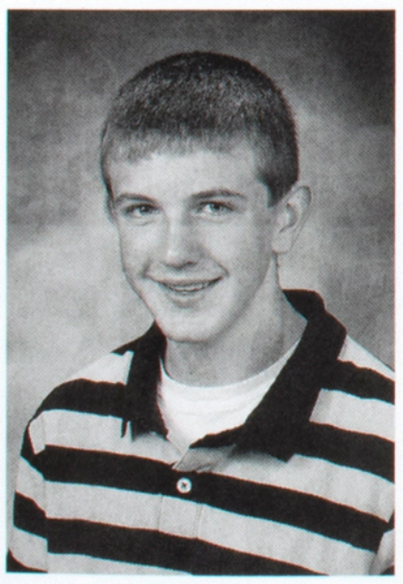


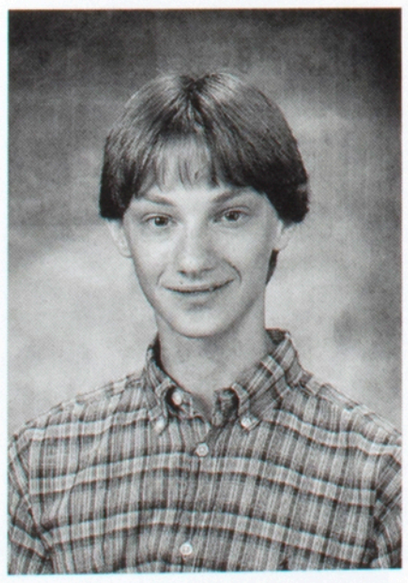


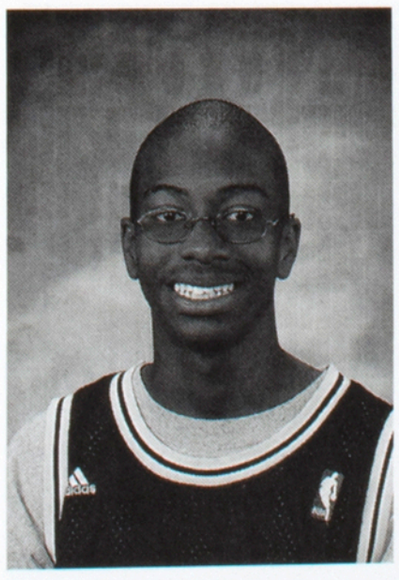


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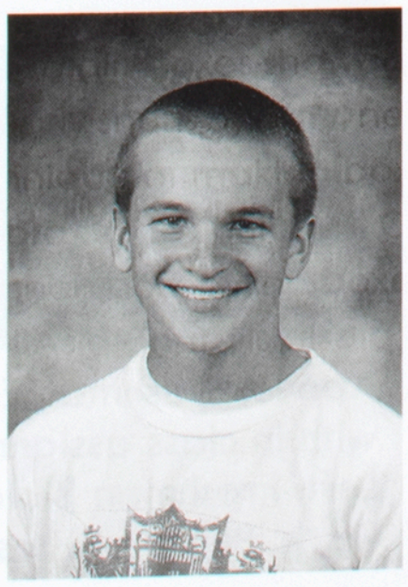




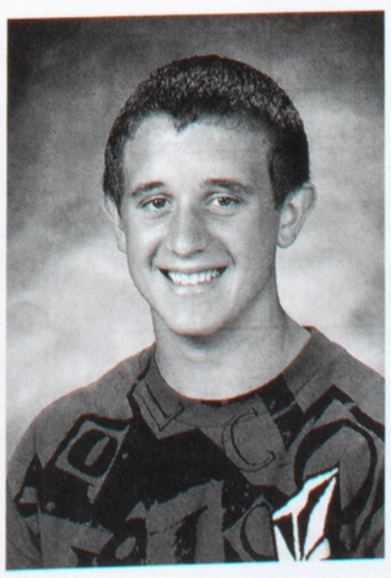
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FRESHMAN PROGRAM REVAMPED

By Lindsay Schroeder

Walking into an unfamiliar place for the first time can be difficult for anyone to adjust to – that's why the U-High Freshman Program raised the bar and strove to achieve a quick transition and an easy outlet for freshman to undergo.

To enhance the freshman curriculum, Wellness was replaced with Biology.

Four new teachers were added to the new program, including World Studies teacher Kate Pole, English teacher Amy Reiman, and Biology teachers Steve Evans and Karen Travis.

Evans said the change was completely an administrative decision, and he didn't have a say in the process.

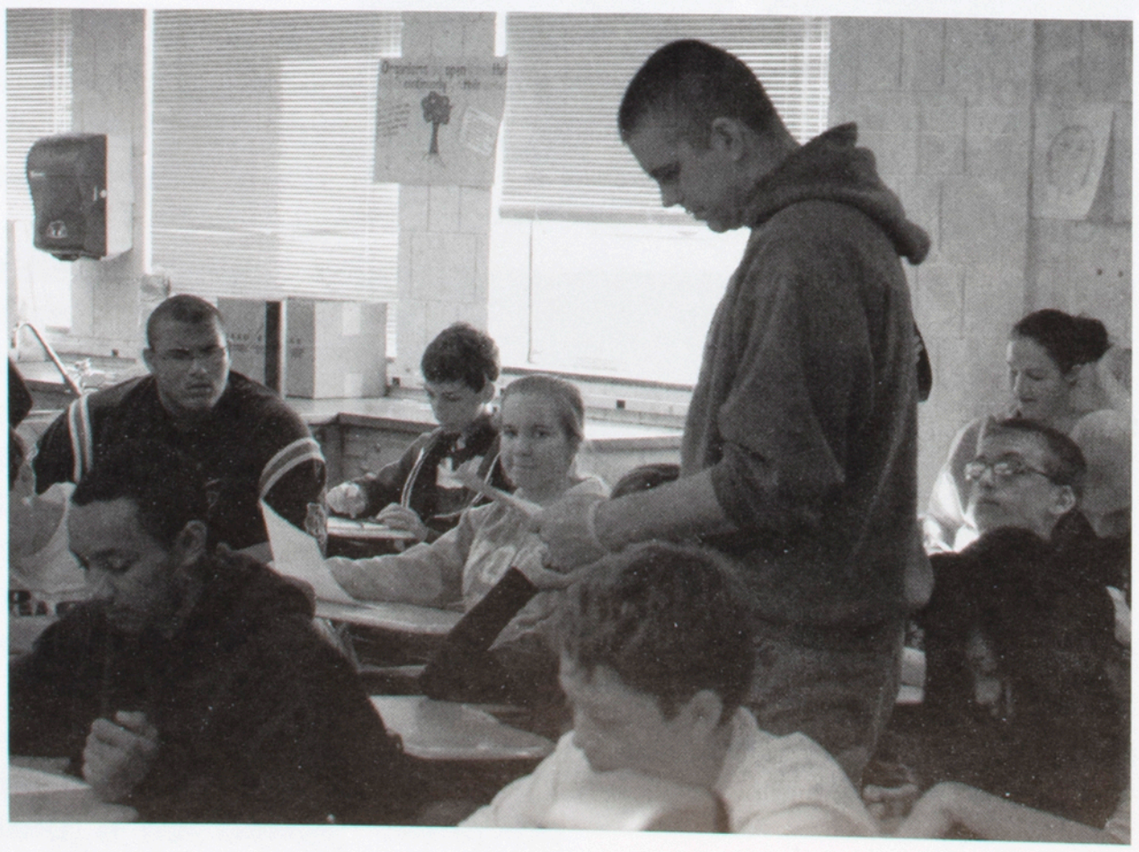
"It's a struggle trying to squeeze in curriculum with lab work, but it's not just about the curriculum; it's a different way to ease their transition and help them make new friends," Evans said, "The change is for their benefit because they now get to have me as a teacher."

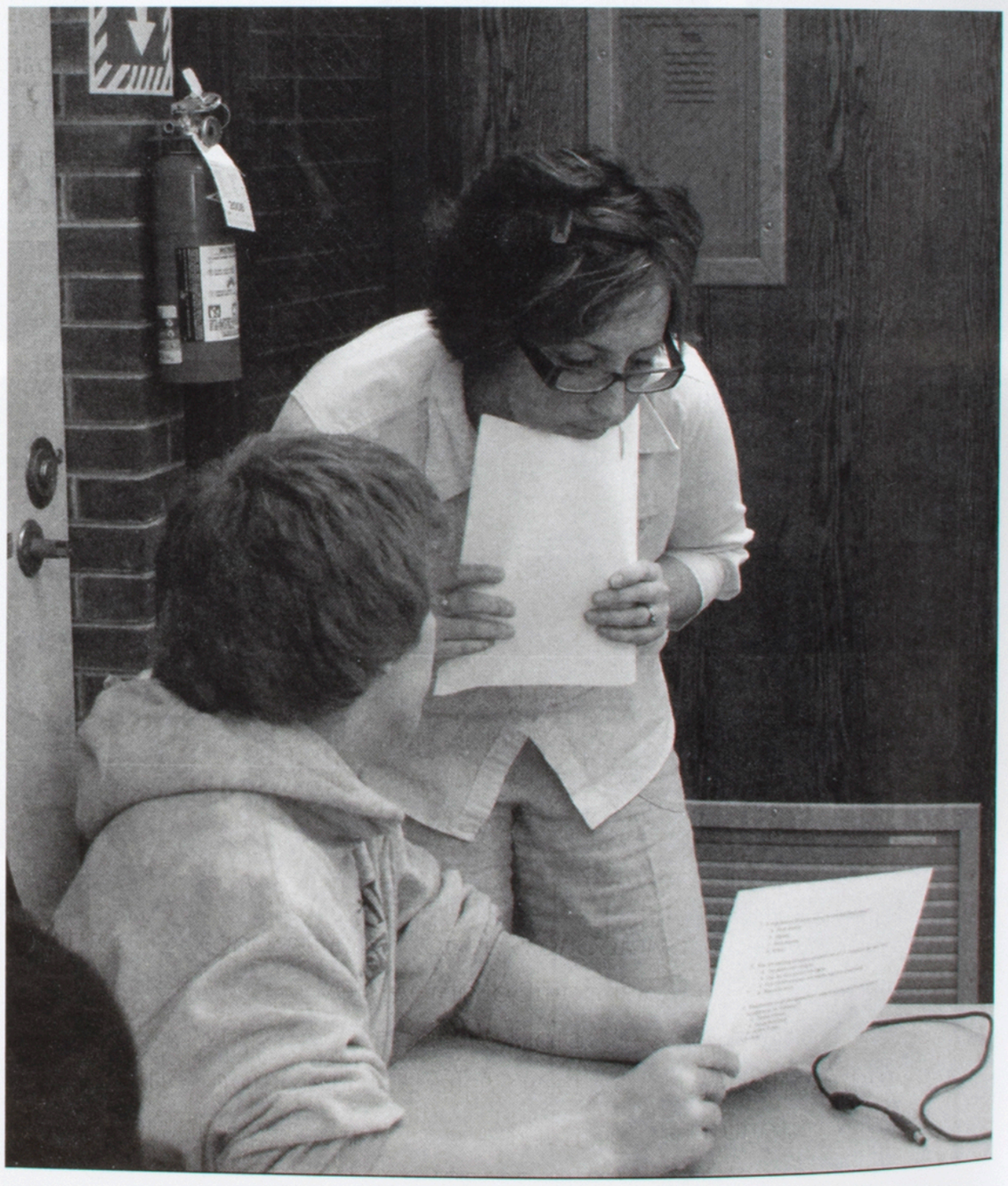
Freshman World Studies teacher Char Lehnen believes that this change in the program is for the better.

"It's a good way for the teachers to get to know the students and see their progress and it's a good way for students to get to know other students," she said.

As an incoming freshman, Jordan Armstrong was afraid of encountering difficulties in making new friends, but with the help of the Freshman Program, she conquered her fear and embraced high school for what it was.

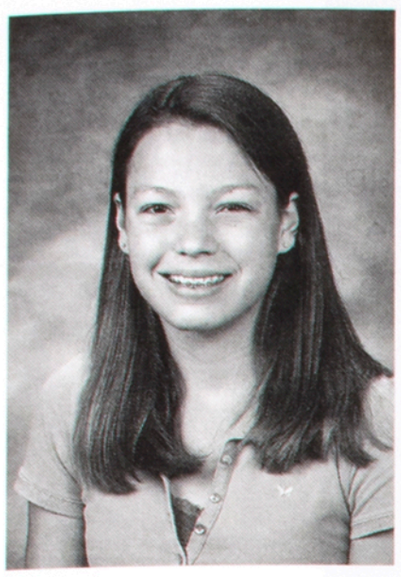
The freshman program helped me out in meeting new people and slowly allowed me to adjust to the high school routine," Armstrong said.

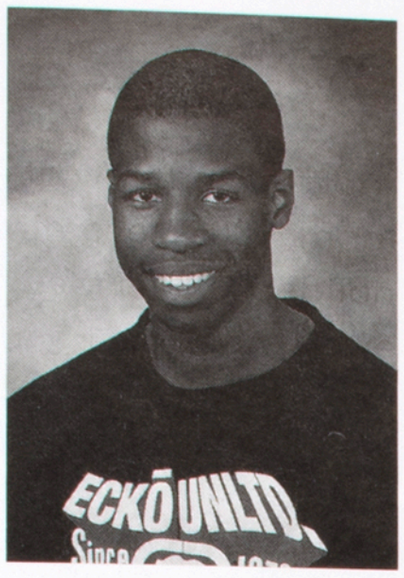


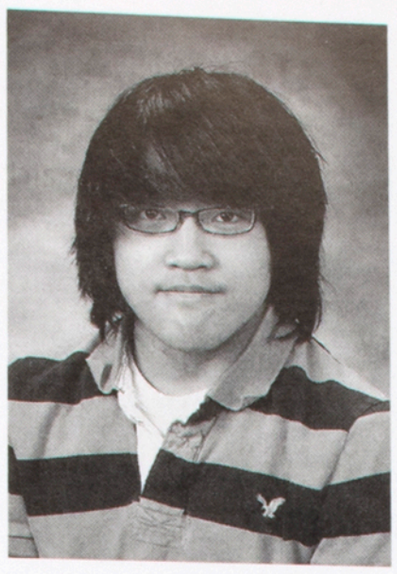


Above: Freshman English teacher Amy Reiman helps student with in class assignment. Photo by: Casie Golliday
Left: Freshman Biology teacher Steve Evans reviews student's work. Photo by: Josh Phelan





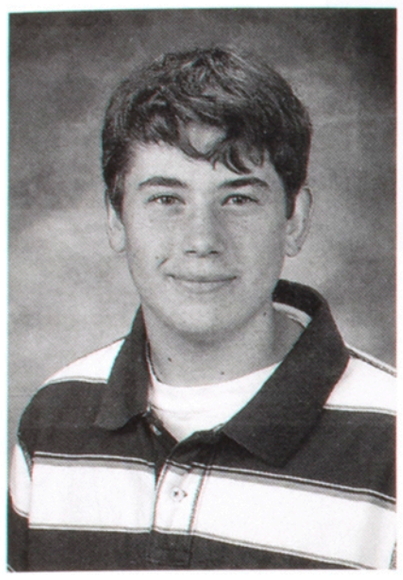




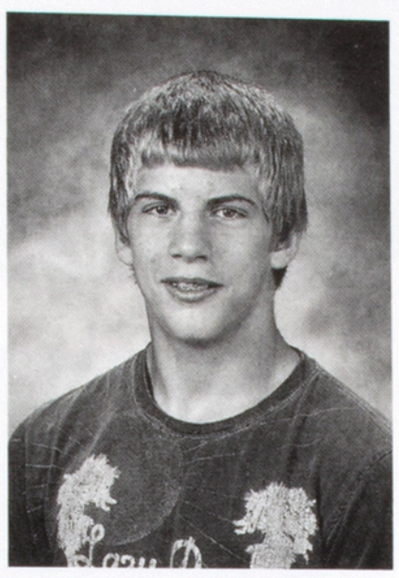


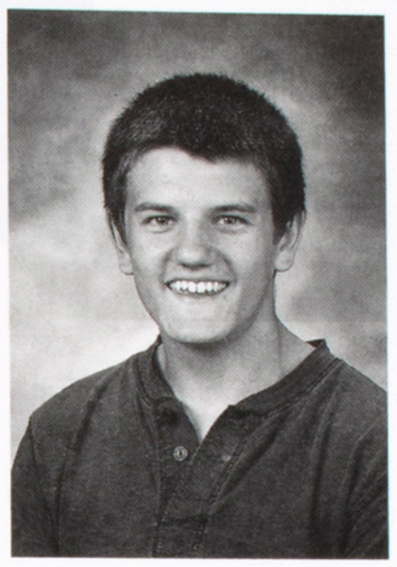
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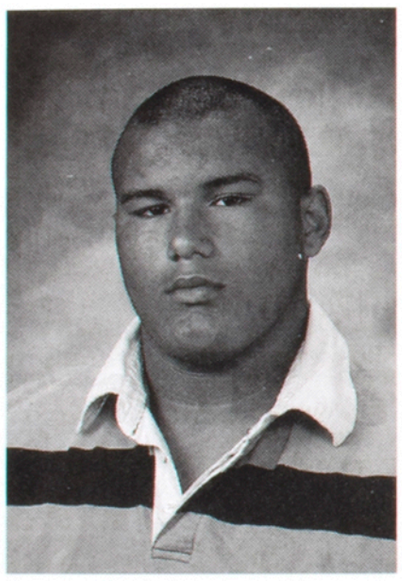


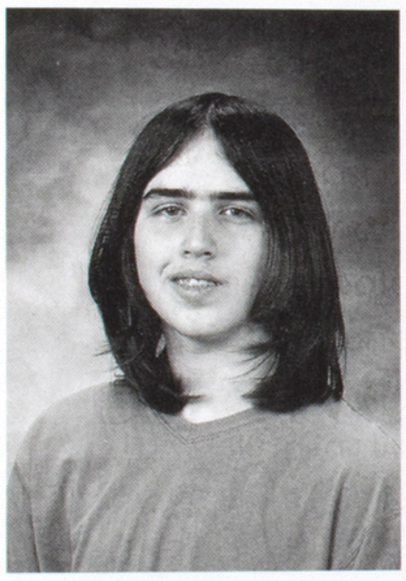




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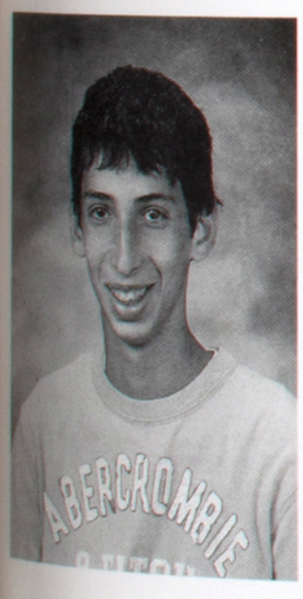






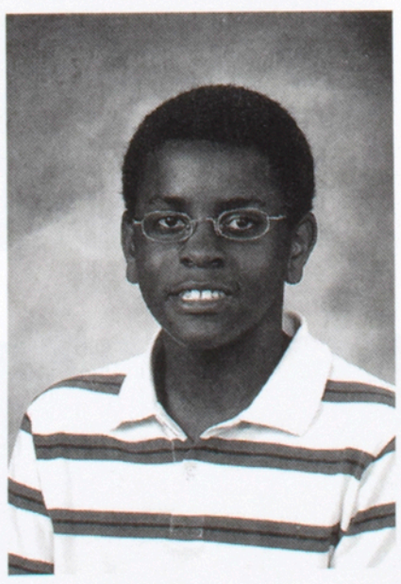


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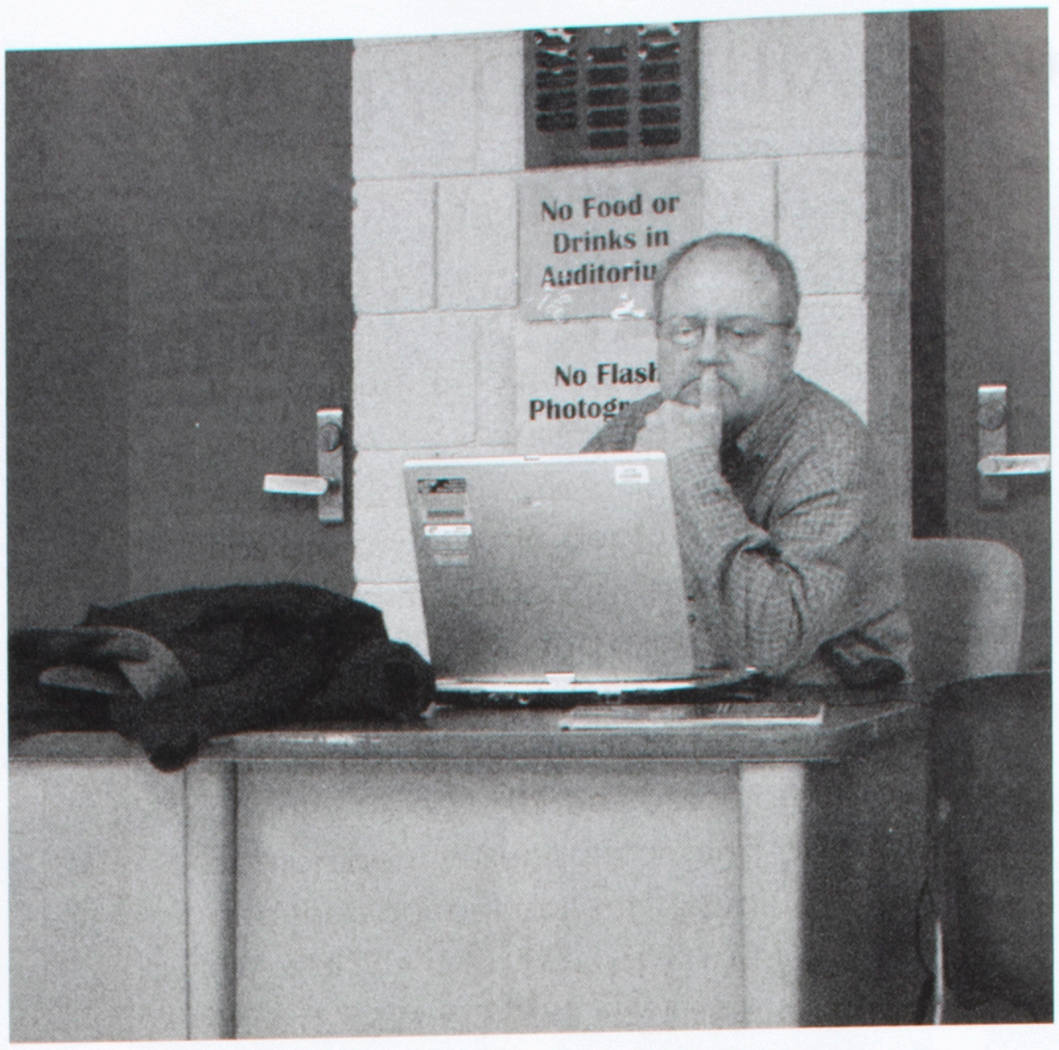


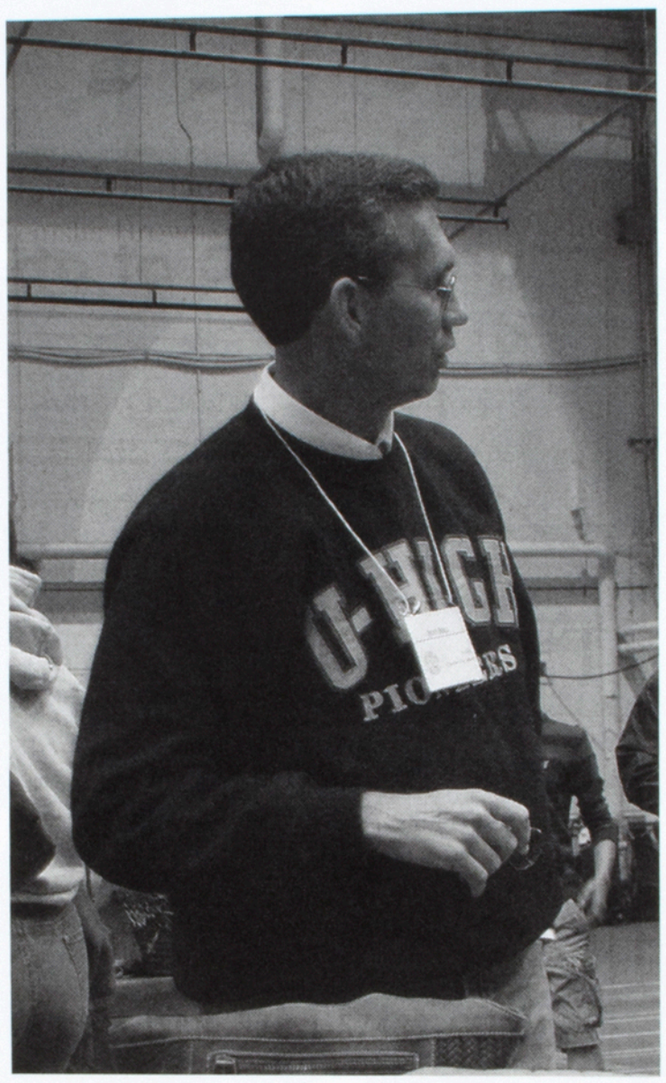




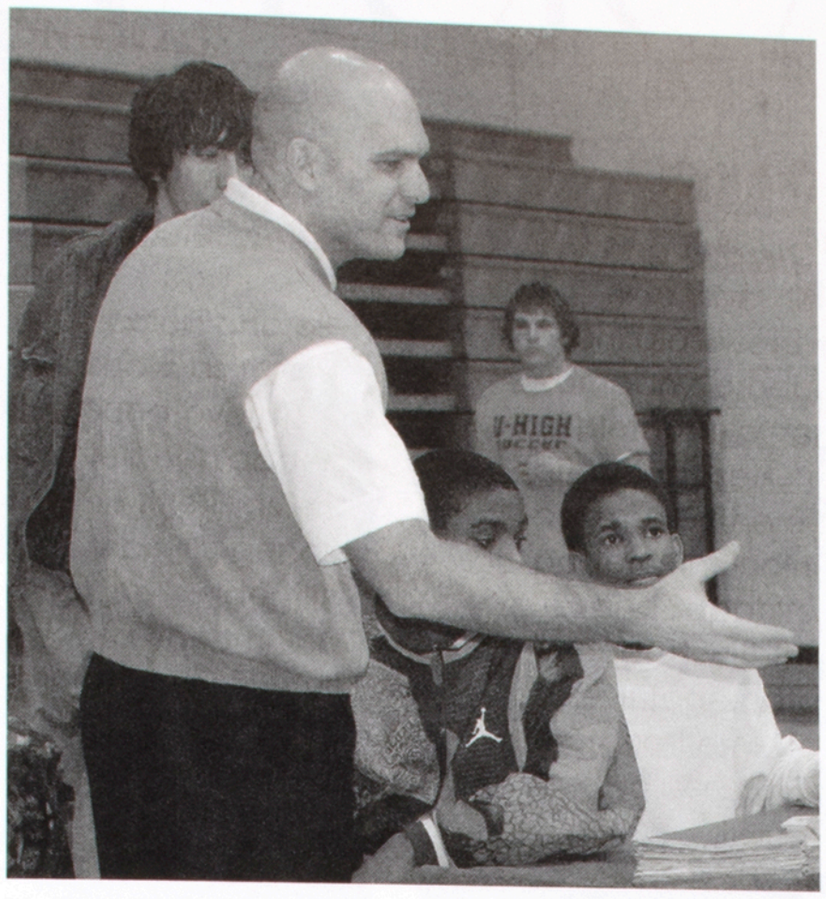


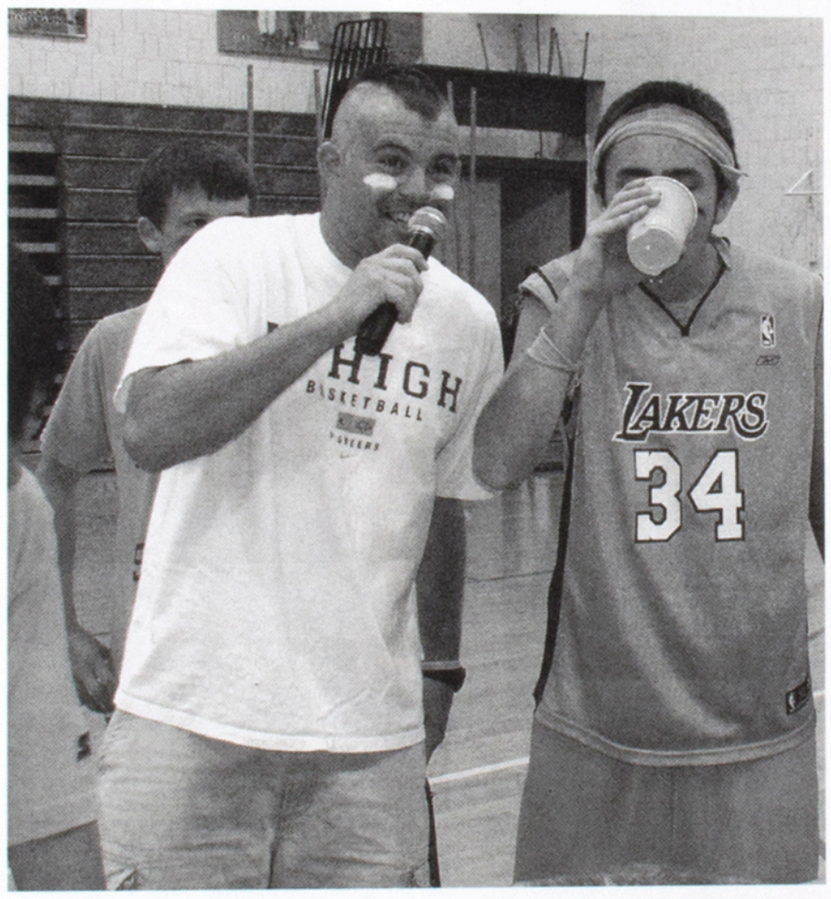
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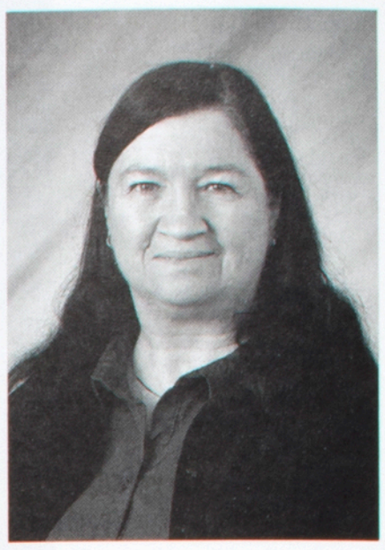




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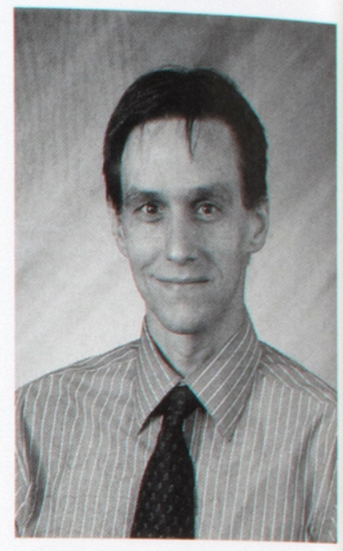


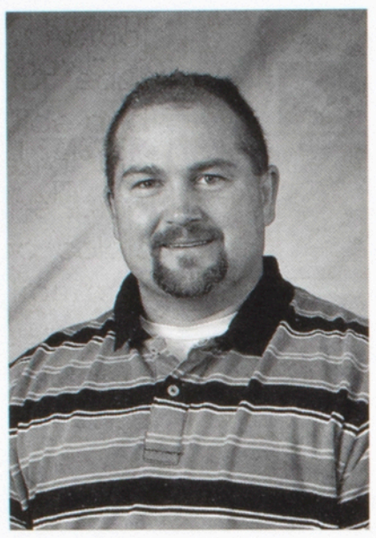
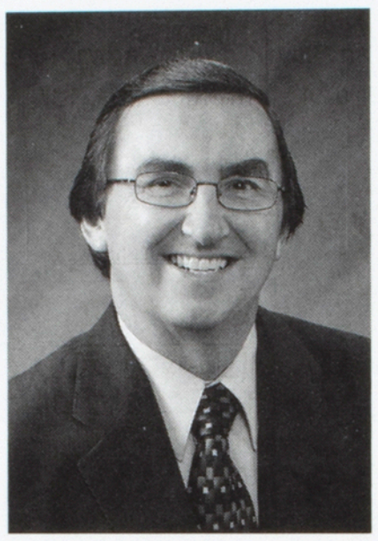

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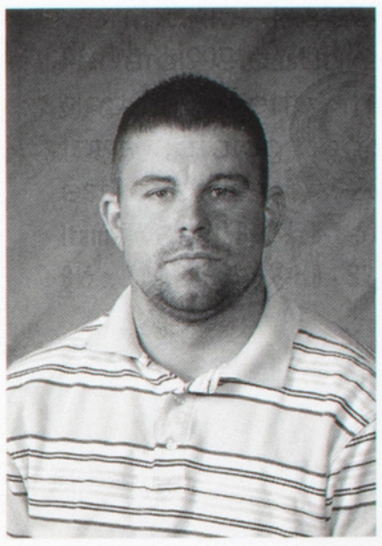




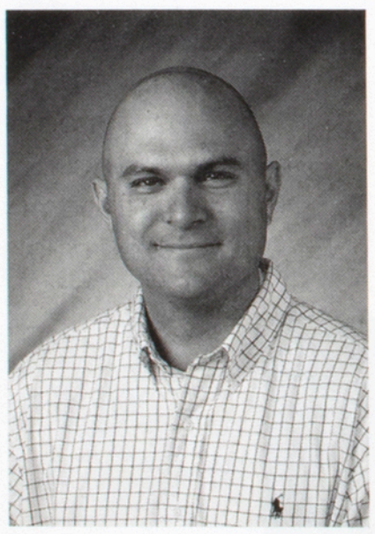


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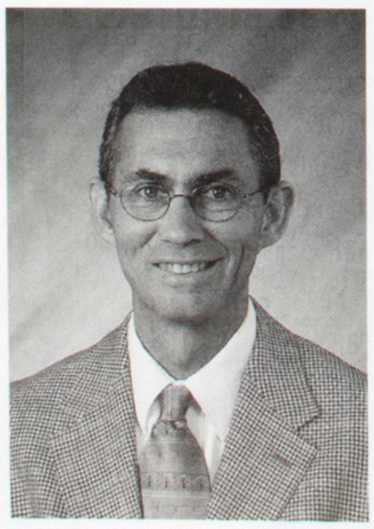
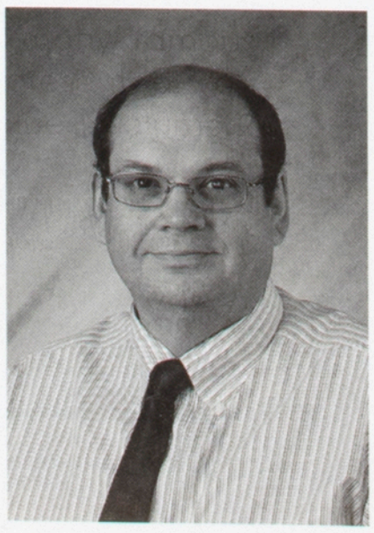

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HOOPIN' FOR A CURE

By Leah Lancaster

Once the news spread around U-High that Sue Reeser, the secretary of the athletic department, was diagnosed with breast cancer, students and faculty went above and beyond to contribute support.

Laura Sellers decided to raise money for Reeser and the Susan G. Komen Cancer Foundation by hosting "Paint the Place Pink" on Feb. 12. The event was hosted by the U-High varsity girl's basketball team, who went all out by customizing "Paint the Place Pink" T-shirts and selling them for $10 each. The initial goal was to sell 500 shirts, but by the end of the night 750 shirts had been sold, and more than $7,000 had been raised.

"It was an incredible feeling to know our team really can make a difference. It was definitely very touching and Sue was extremely appreciative. If we ever have another benefit like Paint the Place Pink, I hope we get an ever larger crowd," Sellers said.

The event was kicked off by a speech from Sellers about breast cancer awareness. She then provided an introduction for Reeser, who walked onto the court to receive a standing ovation from all 400 people packed in the gym.

"I was completely overwhelmed. There were so many people there and when they all stood up, I was tearful," Reeser said.

Reeser is currently using her part of the $7000 raised to pay for her medical expenses and to compensate for the time she is taking off work.

"These past few months have been hard, but I'm lucky enough to have two daughters who help me get to my appointments, and are always there for me," Reeser said, who was diagnosed on November 25.

"The doctor gave me a call when I was out running errands. At first I couldn't believe what I was hearing, but after it sunk in I felt like I had been punched in the stomach," Reeser said. "When I went to the hospital I was shocked at how many people suffer from cancer. I feel fortunate that mine isn't as bad as some people."

As for the current state of the U-High staff, the absence of Reeser is definitely felt every day.

"She contributes so much to the athletic department," athletic director Wendy Smith said. "She does most of the scheduling, organizes transportation, and the awards that are given at the end of the seasons. She is also a friend that I've worked with for 14 years. I miss her a lot and I hope she's 100% again by next year," Smith said.

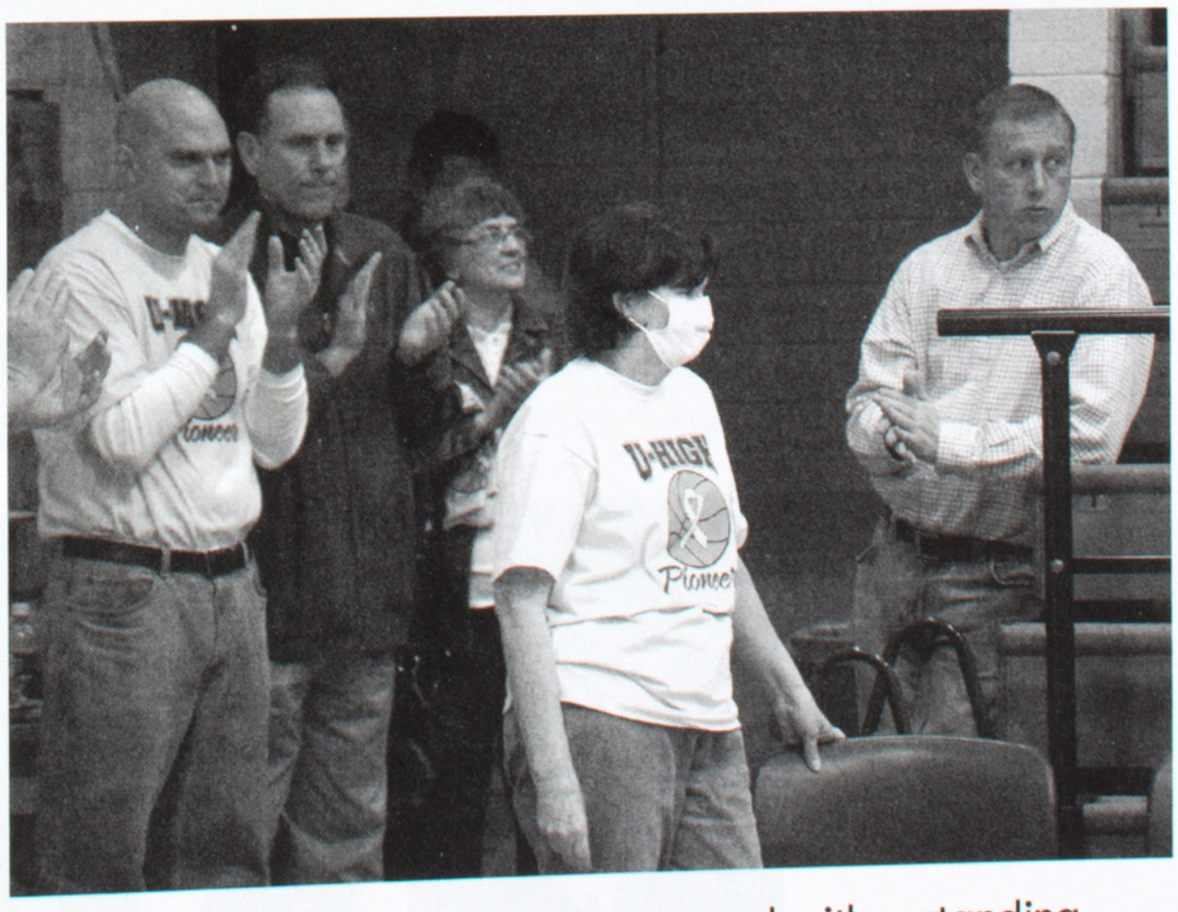
Students also felt a sense of loss.

"Whenever I would walk into Miss Smith's office, I would always see Mrs. Reeser at her desk with a smile on her face. She's such a nice, caring person. I miss seeing her every day," senior Lindsay Schroeder said.

Senior Jordan Bond also misses Reeser's positive attitude and bright personality.

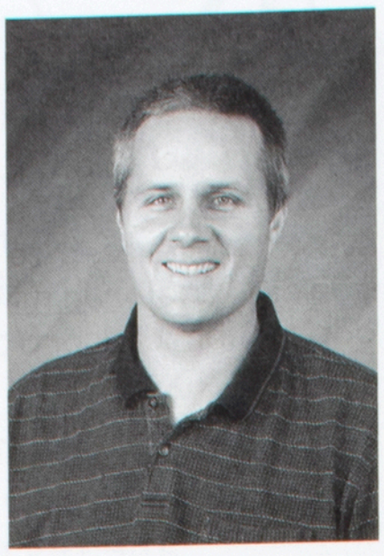
"Reeser has a great sense of humor. She always manages to make me laugh and put a smile on my face," Bond said.

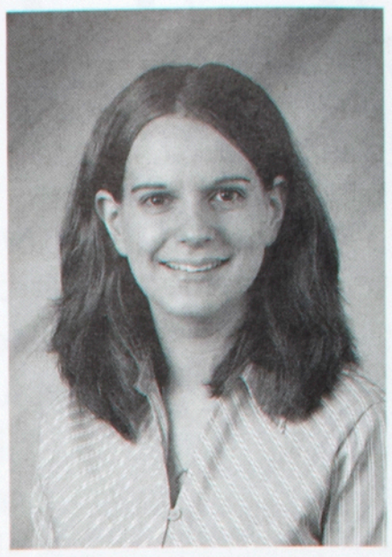
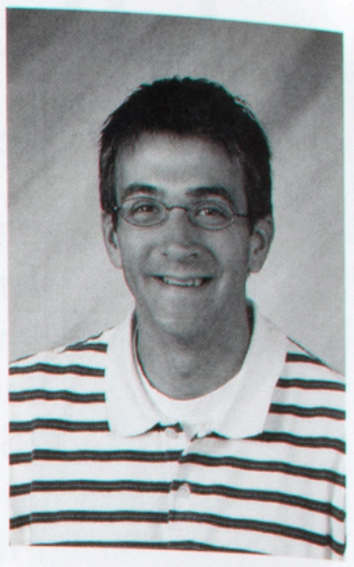




Above: Sue Reeser's entrance is greeted with a standing ovation.
Left: Girls varsity basketball players listen to Coach Sellers speech.
Photos by Marc Hitchen

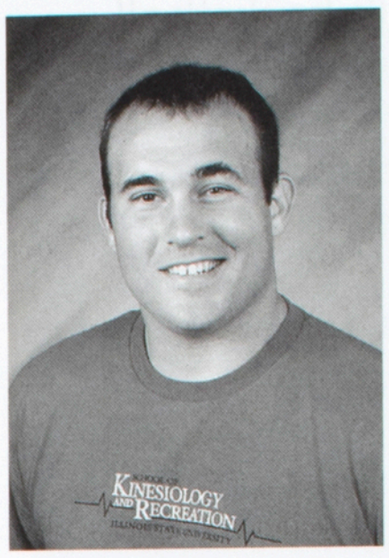
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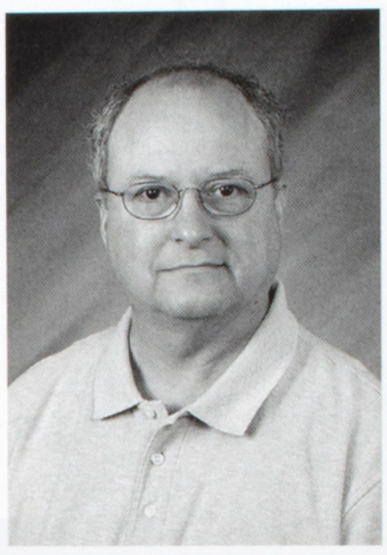







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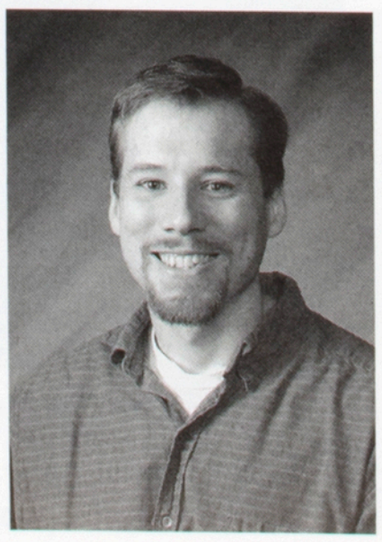
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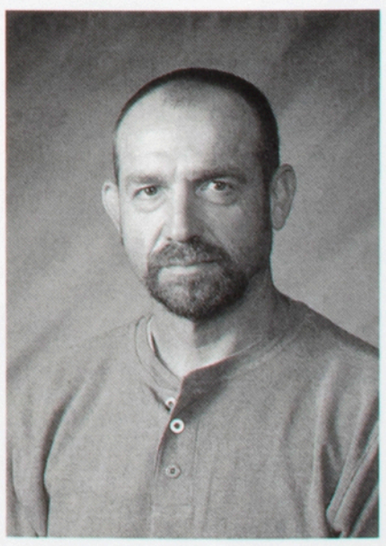






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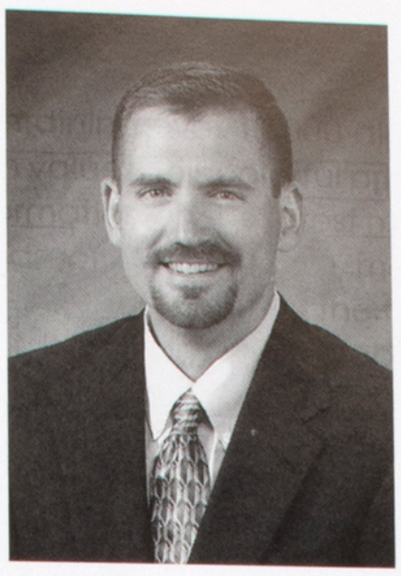







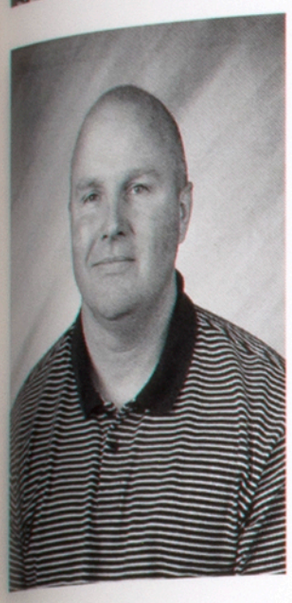






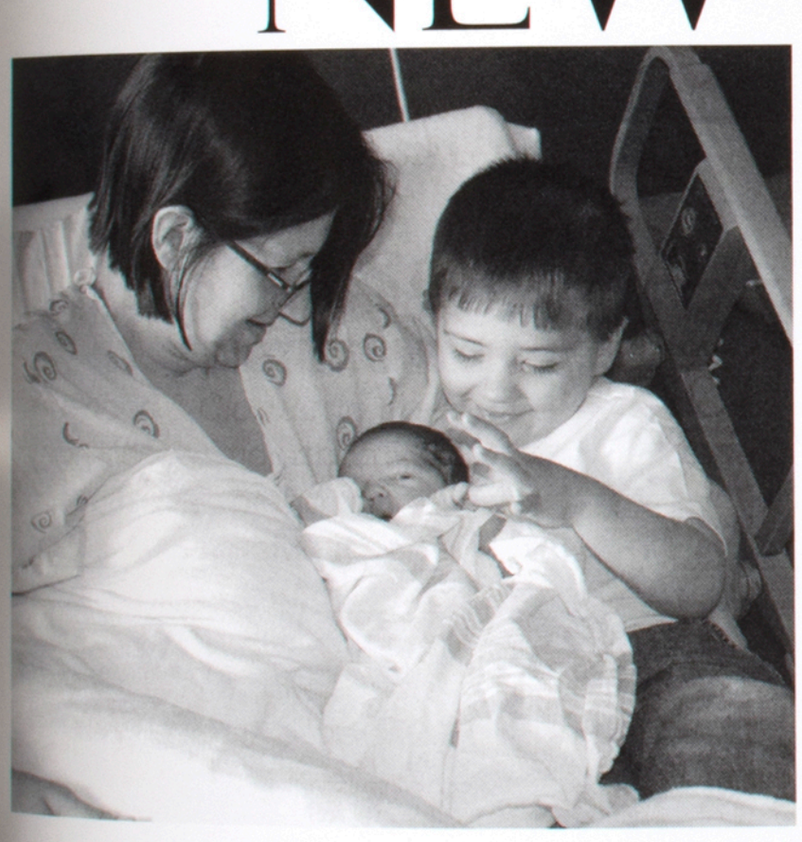
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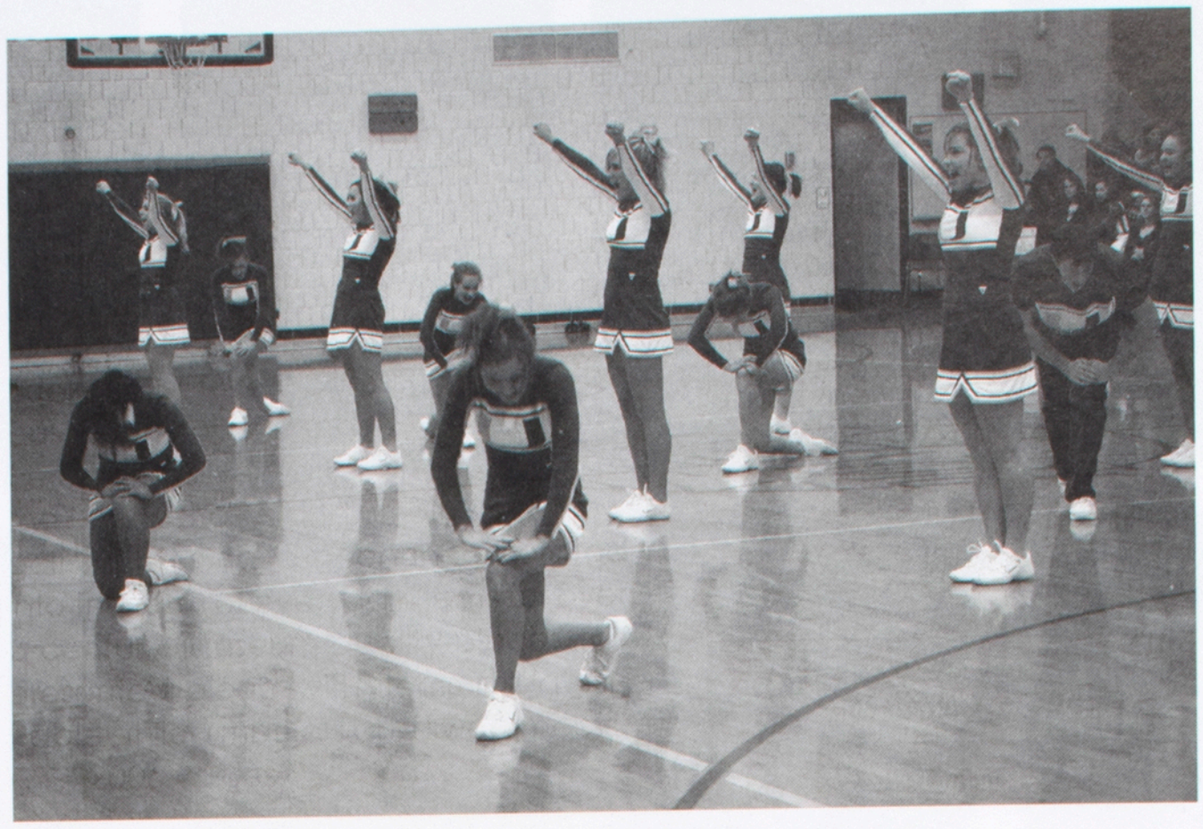
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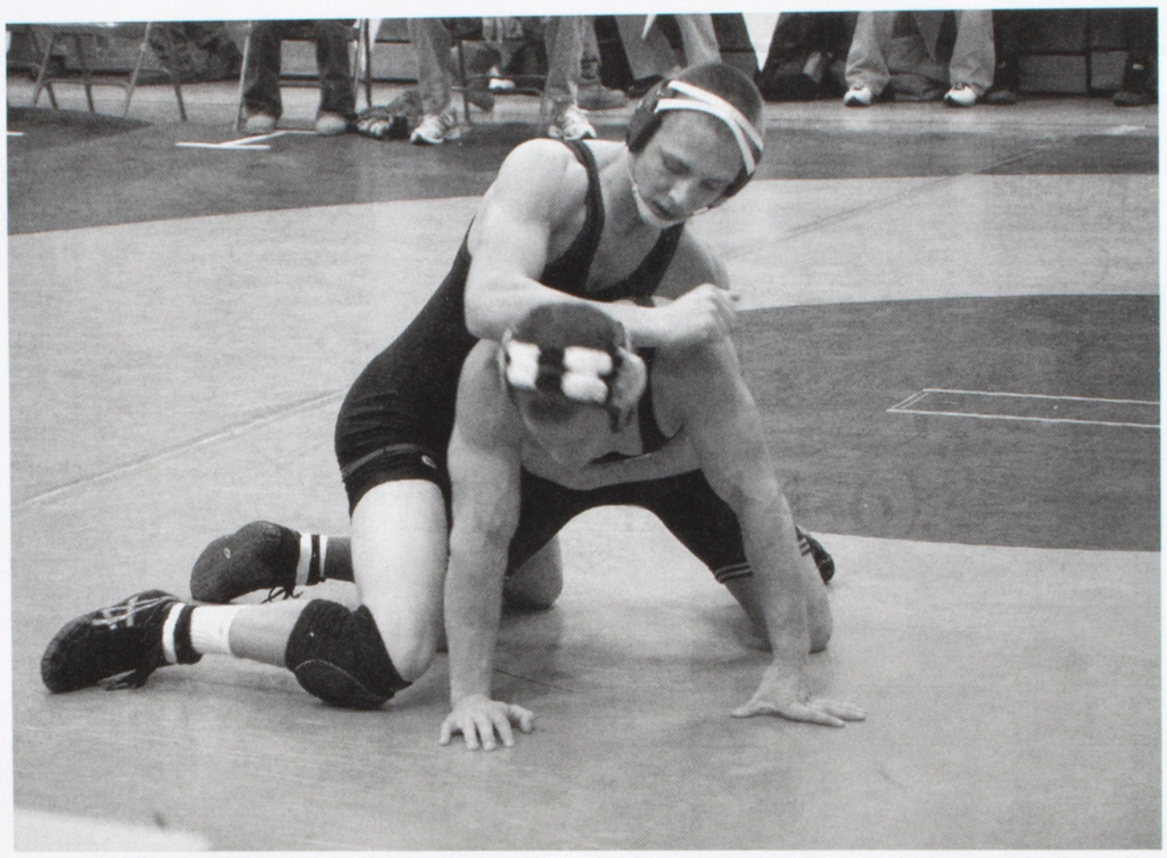


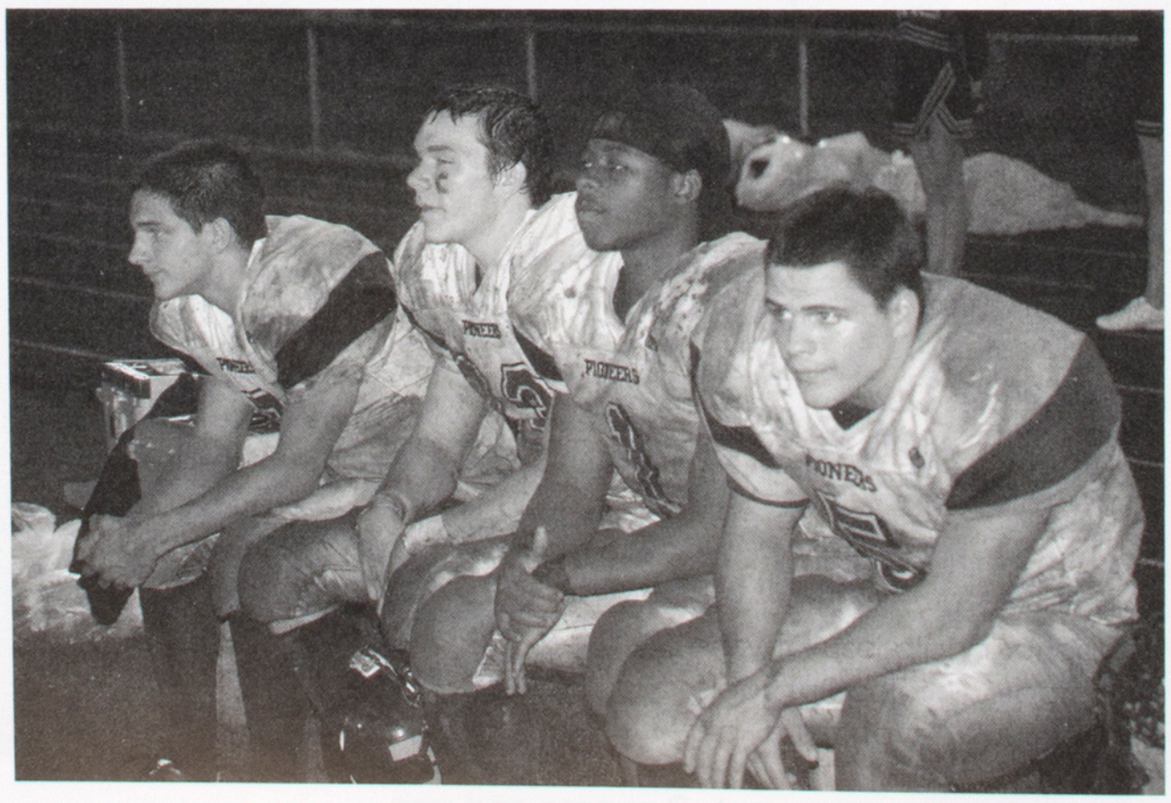
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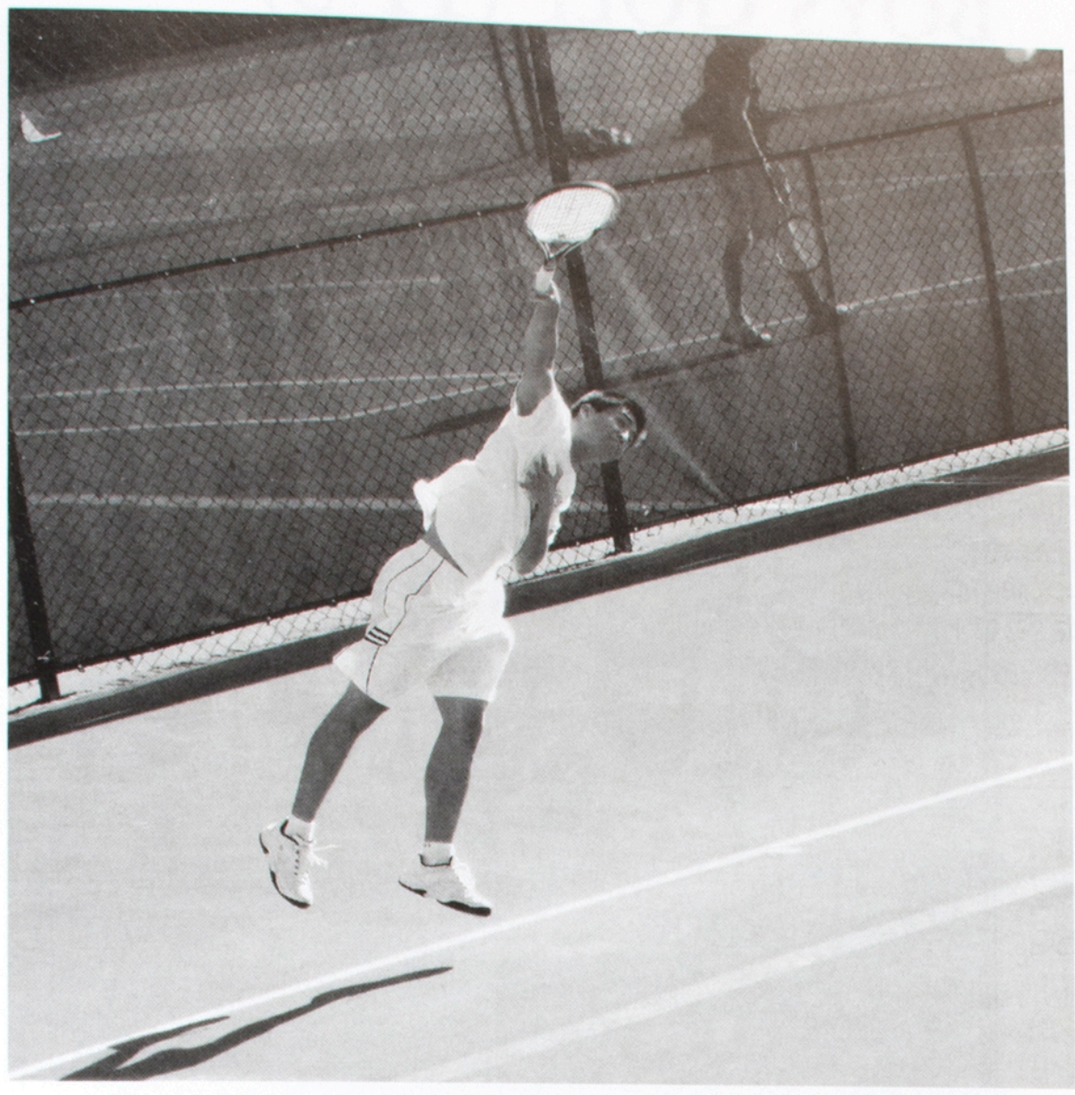


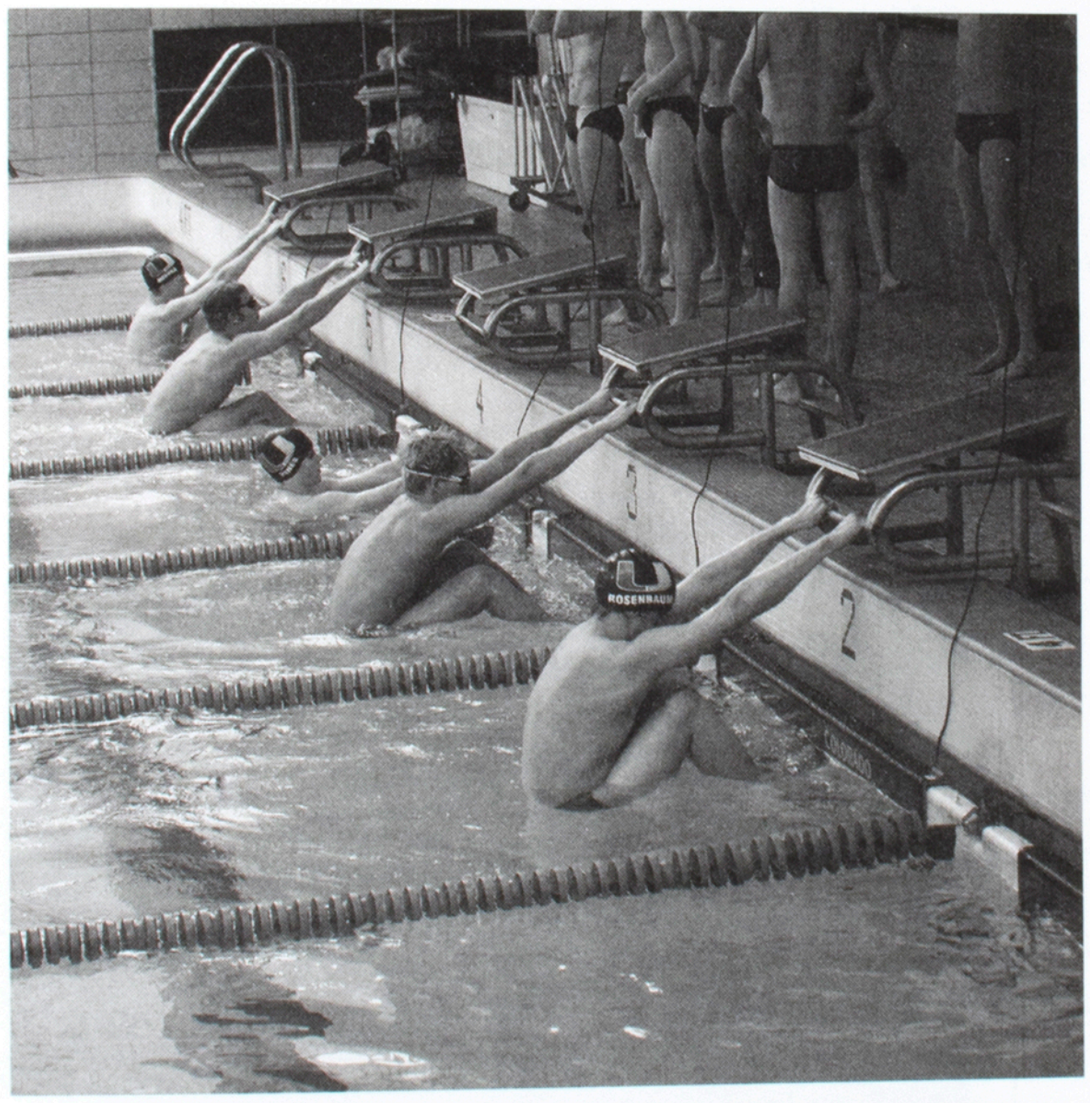
Blythe Lavonne Burk
Born at 6:32am on April 22, 2009. She weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and was 19 inches long.











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Boys Golf (11-3)

Date	Team	Results
8/18/08	Peoria Notre Dame	1st
8/20/08	Raider Classic	5th
8/23/08	Macomb Invite	1st
9/15/08	Danville Invite	1st
9/12/08-9/13/08	Mattoon Invite	1st
9/18/08	Livingston County Invite	2nd
9/20/08	Pekin Classic	3rd
9/23/08	Intercity	1st
9/27/08	BCC Invite	1st
10/4/08	Cornbelt Conference	1st
10/7/08	IHSA Regional	1st
10/11/08	ISHA Sectional	1st
10/17/08-10/18/08	ISHA State	1st

Individual Accomplishments: Kyle English, Ben Kilborn, *Captains*, Kyle English, *MVP*, Kyle English, Ben Kilborn, Peter McKinzie, Logan Stauffer, *All Conference*, Kyle English, Logan Stauffer, *All State*, Brian Sparks, *Most Improved Varsity*, Jared Hendren, *Most Improved JV*, Tim Glover, *Sportsmanship*



Front Row: Bobby Jocson, Jacob Hendren, James, Love, Jared Hendren, Benjamin Henderson **Second Row:** Bo Sparks, Connor Sampson, Matt Galvan, Logan Stauffer, Peter McKinzie
3rd Row: A.Coach Tanner Morris, Jack Capodice, Scott Endsley, Ryan Alsman Coach Harland Kilborn, Ben Kilborn, Tim Glover, Kieran Pereira, A. Coach Andrew Knarr

Girls Golf (11-0)

Date	Team	Results
8/17/08	BHS Invte	1st
8/18/08	Alton Marquette Invite	1st
8/31/08-9/01/08	U-High Invite	1st
9/05/08	Intercity Tournament	1st
9/08/08	NCHS Invite	1st
9/13/08	Livingston County	1st
9/22/08	Pekin Invite	1st
9/29/08	Cornbelt Conference	1st
10/03/08	Regional	1st
10/09/08	Sectionals	1st
10/11/08-10/13/08	State Finals	1st

Individual Accomplishments: Jenna Wampler, *Captain, MVP*, Rachel Wall, *Most Improved*, Ashley Beverage, *Sportsmanship*



From Left to Right: Katherine Hepler, Ashley Beverage, Jenna Wampler, Coach Lieschen Grussing, Lauren English, Josselyn Harris, Rachel Way, Tiffany Masters

VARSITY FOOTBALL (6-3)



Date	Team	Results
8/29/08	Eureka	Won
9/5/08	Central Catholic	Lost
9/12/08	Olympia	Won
9/19/08	Rantoul	Won
9/26/08	Mahomet-Seymour	Lost
10/3/08	Rochester	Lost
10/10/08	Palos Hills Stagg	Won
10/17/08	Pontiac	Won
10/24/08	Prairie Central	Won

Individual Accomplishments: Will Brucker, *Offensive MVP*, Michael Dopson, Vince Chiodo, *Defensive MVP*, Dillon Sloneker, *Outstanding Lineman*, Tommy Donovan, *Sportsmanship*

Front Row: William Brown, Michael Elliott, Mikel Zaitzeff, Tom Donovan, Jake Todino, Max Hayden, Craig Rich, Will Brucker, Michael Dopson, Colby Carr, Danny Snyder, Nick Paul **Second Row:** Nick Vivirito, Jon Alden, Pat Kelso, Caleb Katz, Coach Dusty Burk, Vince Chiodo, Richard Shepherd, Ryan Lehner, Jon Ray, Nick Ensenberger **Third Row:** Kyle Olson, Austin Shoemaker, Eric Robb, Vincent Kroll, Brooks Woolfolk, T.J. Smith, Zach Burlingame, Jonathan McDowell, Steven Kiel **4th Row:** Demetrius West, Paul Beckman, Nathan Schweitzer, Drew Potter, Nic Flach, Jace Mortimer, Tanner Temby, Mitchell Januzik, Tyler Scott **5th Row:** Jim Monninger, Coach Eric Lyons, Coach Mike Troll, Trevor Dennewitz, Luke Harbers, Dillon Sloneker, Coach Quince Holman, Coach Steve Evans, Coach Matt Adams

JV FOOTBALL



NO STATS AVAILABLE

Front Row: Jon Alden, William Brown, Kyle Morris, David Castillo, Jordan Thomas, Danny Snyder, Jon Ray, Coach Robert Harris, Coach Matt Adams **2nd Row:** Coach James Temple, Coach Brad Ackers, Evan Weaver, Mikel Zaitzeff, Kyle Olson, Coach Nick Ruud, Nick Paul, Austin Shoemaker, Nick Vivirito, Brooks Woolfolk **3rd Row:** Zach Nohns, Brian McCarthy, Keith Rohman, Steven Kiel, AJ Bruns, Colt Franklin, Jonathan McDowell, Tanner Temby, Mitchell Januzik **4th Row:** Jake Phelan, Alex Bee, Jim Soleberg, Jordan Stralow, Nic Flach, Nick Ensenberger, Trevor Dennewitz, Ryan Morton, Andy Cochran **5th Row:** Coach Jake Shepard, Drew Potter, Zach Burlingame, Elijah Sloneker, Jace Mortimer, Brandon Timm, Tyler Scott, Coach Luke Schlessinger

NO STATS AVAILABLE

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL



Front Row: Keith Rohman, Evan Weaver, Steven Hulett, Mitchell Dearing, Kyle Morris, David Castillo, Jordan Thomas **2nd Row:** Coach Matt Adams, Coach Brad Ackers, Austin Fisk, Zach Nohns, Colt Franklin, AJ Bruns, Coach Luke Schlessinger **3rd Row:** Coach James Temple, Jake Phelan, Jim Soleberg, Ivan Sykes, Coach Nick Ruud, Elijah Sloneker, Coach Robert Harris **4th Row:** Coach Jake Shepard, Jordan Starlow, Connor Bailey, Brian McCarthy, Andy Cochran **5th Row:** Brandon Timm, Bryn Agnew, Chris Ruud, Isaiah Brown, Charlie Volz, Ryan Morton

GIRLS TENNIS (5-3)

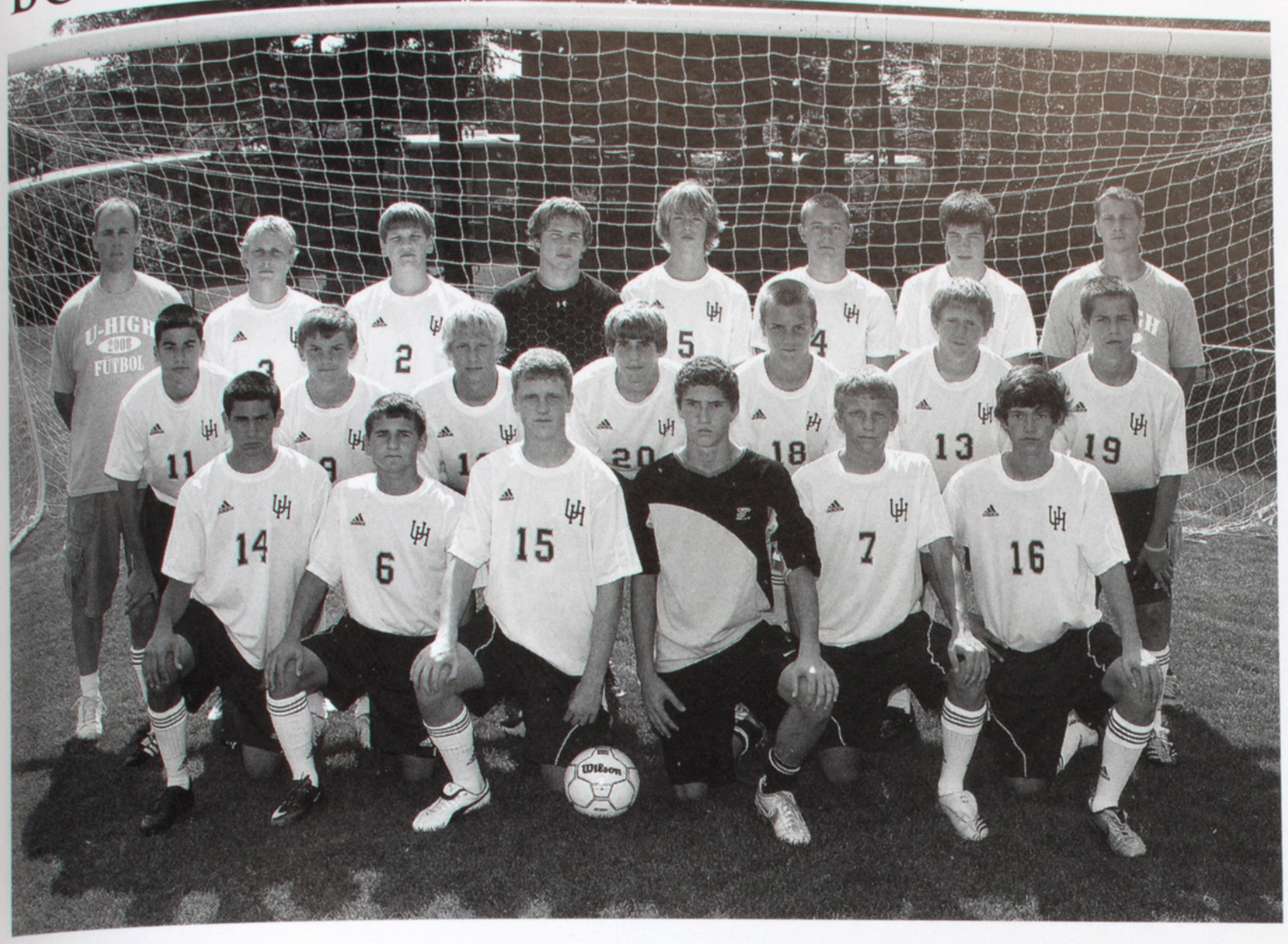
Date	Team	Results
8/29/08-8/30/08	Springfield Tournament	6th
9/6/08	BHS Tourn-amnet	Rained Out
9/13/08	Pontiac	Won
9/17/08	Springfield	Loss
9/19/08-9/20/08	BHS Invitational	13th
9/23/08	Normal West	Won
9/24/08	Decatur St. Teresa	Won
10/1/08	Metamora	Loss
10/3/08-10/4/08	BHS Invitational	Partial Rainout
10/9/08	Central Catholic	Won
10/13/08	Morton	Loss
10/14/08	Peoria Woodruff	Won

Individual Accomplishments: Amanda Lawler, Annie Nord, *Captains*, Sienna Reuter, *MVP*, Kelsey Wilson, Emily Zimmerman, *Most Improved,* Olivia Castillo, *Sportsmanship*



Front Row: Saloni Mishra, Simone Gustafsson, Amanda Lawler, Annie Nord, Sienna Reuter, Emily Zimmerman **2nd Row:** Kari Fowler, Hana Ayele, Alia Khan, Chloe Hundman, Kelsey Wilson, Olivia Castillo, Mounika Paravastu **3rd Row:** Coach Reuter, Laura Smith, Marta Ayele, Kasey Le, Christine Do, Coach Juers

Boys Varsity Soccer (14-7)



Front Row: Nick Pagluica, Logan Rule, Peter Schiller, Tanner Russell, Jake Irwin, Chandler Brooks **2nd Row:** Cameron Ruiz, John Munson, Ben Kiesewetter, Kyle Graden, Tommy Schiller, Michael Eack, Jordan Kilhoffer **3rd Row:** Coach Jeremy Stanton, Reid Butts, Mike O'Malley, Cole Wardlow, Blair Smith, Jack Ross, Sean Comerford, Coach Tyler Hari

Date	Team	Results
8/28/08	Morton	Loss
9/1/08	Normal West	Won
9/2/08	Bloomington	Won
9/6/08	Central Catholic	Won
9/9/08	Peoria Richwoods	Loss
9/10/08	Normal Community	Won
9/17/08	Champaign Centennial	Won
9/20/08	Quincy Notre Dame	Loss
9/26/08	Springfield	Won
9/27/08	E. Moline United Township	Won
9/29/08	Champaign Central	Loss
10/3/08-10/4/08	Rock Island Invitational	2nd
10/9/08	Peoria Notre Dame	Loss
10/11/08	Mahomet-Seymour	Won
10/13/08	Rock Island Alleman	Loss
10/15/08	Springfield-Griffin	Won
10/21/08	IHSA Regionals	Won
10/25/08	IHSA Regional Finals	Loss

Individual Accomplishments: Stefan Brooks, Reid Butts, Logan Rule, Cole Wardlow, *Captains*, Reid Butts, A*ll Sectional, Best Defender*, Stefan Brooks, *Honorable Mention All Sectional, Sportsmanship,* Cole Wardlow, *MVP*, Benjamin Kiesewetter, *Most Improved*

Boys JV Soccer (3-7-3)



Front Row: Pavel Bee, Alejo Gonzalez, Zain Becerra, Will Provosty, Chris Dykhuis, Mark Nalefski **2nd Row:** Brock Jones, Jordan Kilhoffer, Jimmy Munson, Tommy Schiller, Michael Kull, Brent Emmerson, Alec Garcia **3rd Row:** Coach Jeremy Stanton, Matt Erickson, Zack Billingsley, Tanner Russell, JP Langellier, Jordan Jolliff, Alex Parlette, Coach Tyler Hari

Date	Team	Results
8/28/08	Morton	Tie
9/9/08	Peoria Richwoods	Won
9/17/08	Champaign Centennial	Loss
9/20/08	Quincy Notre Dame	Loss
9/26/08	Springfield	Won
9/27/08	E. Moline United Township	Loss
9/29/08	Champaign Central	Tie
10/9/08	Peoria Notre Dame	Tie
10/11/08	Mahomet-Seymour	Won
10/15/08	Springfield Griffin	Loss
10/17/08-10/18/08	Peoria Notre Dame Tournament	Loss

Individual Accomplishments: Zack Billingsley, JP Langellier, Alex Parlette, *Captains*, Brock Jones, *MVP*, *Best Defender,* Josh Ashley*, Most Improved*, Alex Parlette, *Sportsmanship*

Boys Cross Country

Date	Team	Results
9/2/08	Urbana	1st
9/13/08	Woodruff	1st
9/16/08	Mahomet	1st
9/18/08	Eureka	2nd
9/23/08	Intercity	1st
9/27/08	East Peoria	2nd
10/2/08	Olympia	2nd
10/7/08	UHS	1st
10/11/08	Metamora	2nd
10/18/08	Conference	1st
10/25/08	Regionals	1st
11/1/08	Sectionals	2nd
11/8/08	State	4th

Individual Accomplishments: James Clay, *MVP*, Munan Singhal, *Sportsmanship*



Front Row: Wil Ward, Josiah Husk, James Clay, Nick Geyer, Connor Brown, Kirk Saunders, Ryan Rutherford **2nd Row:** Scott Feid, Austin Butorac, Ryan Newby, Myles Shane, Mike DeCremer, Tim Wert, Alex Gorsuch, Matt Donovan, Lance Jessurun, Alex Chavez, Evan Swiech **3rd Row:** Coach Norris Porter, Ian Ostaszewski, Nathaniel Bass, Brock Porter, Ky Bailey, Stephen Husk, Coach Hampton, Dylan McDonald, Jason Brooks, Juwan Chavers, Joel Gebhardt, Duncan Harris, Coach Holli Will **4th Row:** Christopher Hoerdemann, Mitchell Houska, Munan Singhal, Rob Hanson, Mitch Styczynski, Chris Michels, Alex Goebel, Connor Cross, Vivek Gulati, Josh Ayers, Michael Friedrich

Girls Cross Country

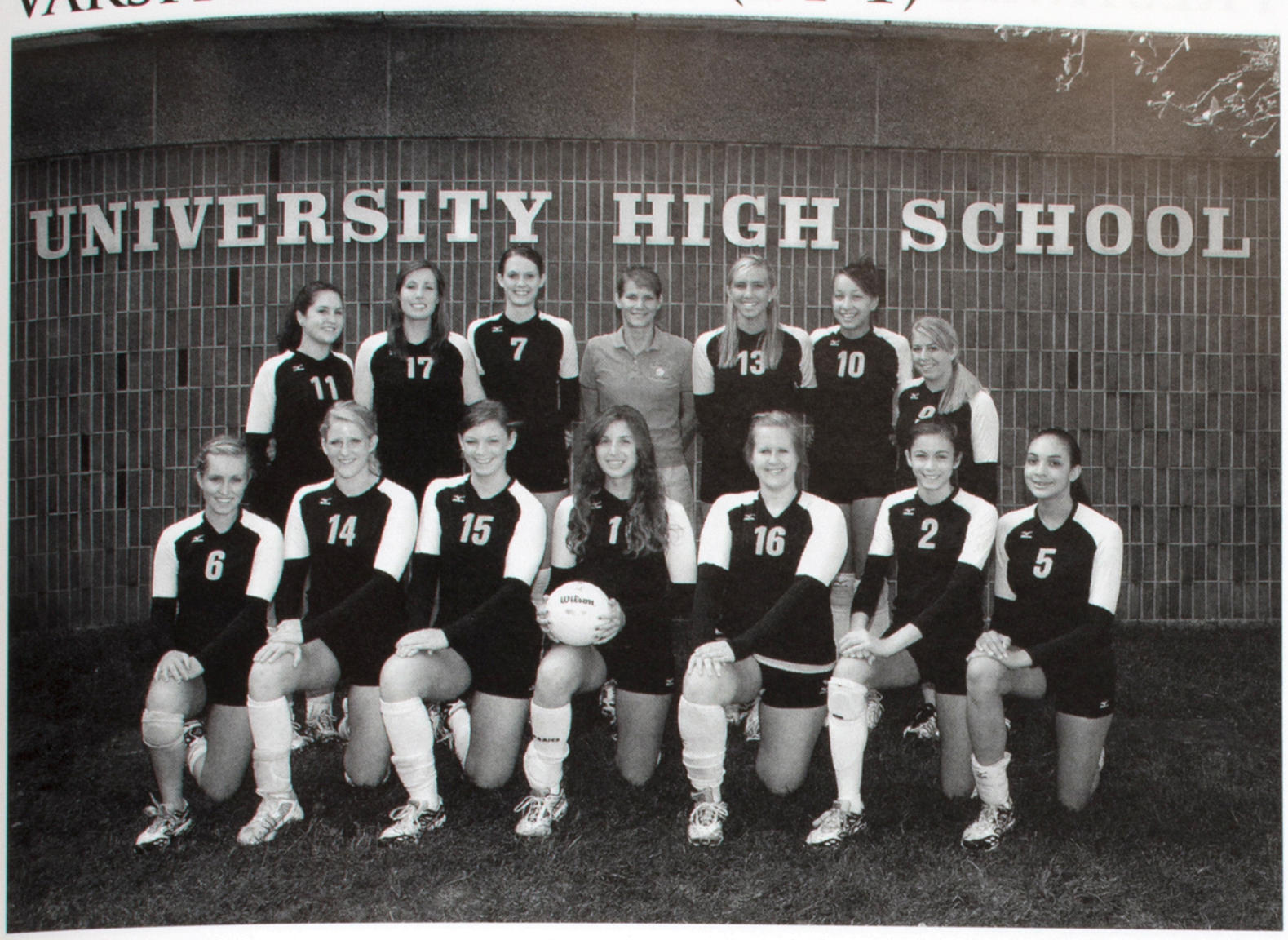
Date	Team	Results
9/2/08	Urbana	2nd
9/16/08	Prairie Central	2nd
9/18/08	Eureka	1st
9/20/08	Notre Dame	13th
9/23/08	Intercity	4th
10/2/08	Olympia	1st
10/7/08	UHS Invite	4th
10/11/08	Metamora	8th
10/18/08	Conference	4th
10/25/08	Regionals	3rd
11/1/08	Sectionals	12th

Individual Accomplishments: Carolyn Ayers *Most Improved,* Kara Butorac *Sportsmanship,* Emily Clay *MVP*, Maria Helgeson *Most Improved,* Maggie Shane *Top Newcomer,* Wen Yang *Leadership Award*



Front Row: Emily Clay, Kelsey Emmert, Colleen Campbell, Kara Butorac, Wen Yang, Claire Jones, Laine Smid **Second Row:** Jordan Armstrong, Maggie Shane, Bayli Doubet, Amelie Provosty, Lyndsay Shaver, Emily Honzel, Katie Lane, Taylor Widdel, Cheyenne Bowers **Third Row:** Coach Norris Porter, Carolyn Ayers, Natalie Bowman, Kristina Mlincsek, Rosie Phipps, Coach Lester Hampton, Kathryn Cullen, Aubrey Williamson, Charlotte Roberti, Allison Vaughn, Coach Holli Will **Fourth Row:** Melanie Matlock, Alexis Namoff, Georgia Keen, Anna DeGraaf, Carly Stevens, Emily Donnan, Maria Helgeson, Melanie Goebel

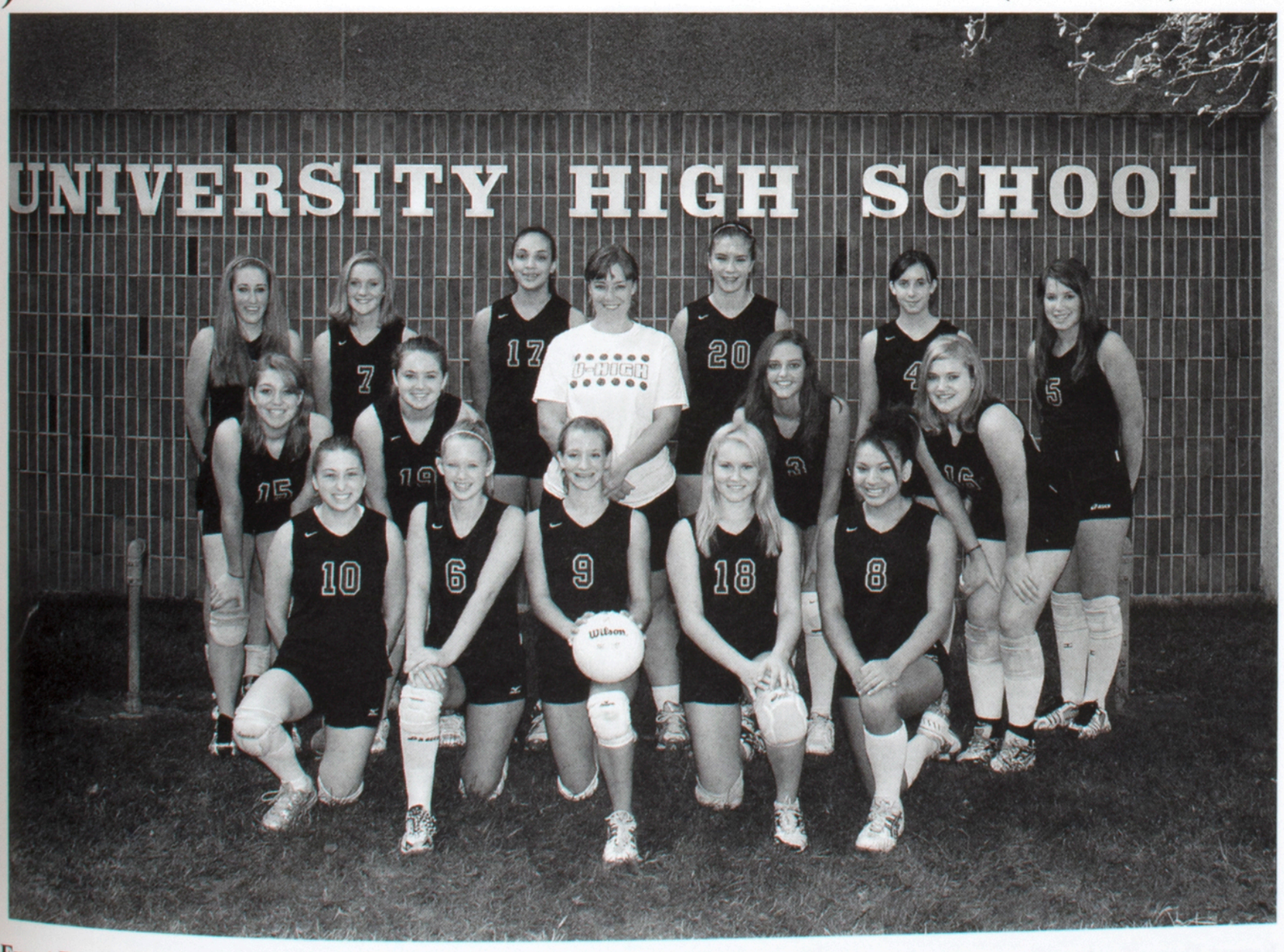
VARSITY VOLLEYBALL (14-1)



Front Row: Maggie Bee, Haley Cook, Candice Cuppini, Brooke Sushka, Stephanie Schwingle, Valerie Nichol, Kelly Berryman **2nd Row:** Ashlee Sang, Taylor Bruns, Carly Schumacher, Coach Sanders, Kelly Harrell, Jordan Bond, Anna Vaughn

Date	Team	Results
9/2/08	Bloomington	Lost
9/4/08	Hartsburg	Won
9/9/08	Prairie Central	Won
9/11/08	Pontiac	Won
9/16/08	Rantoul	Won
9/18/08	Olympia	Won
9/23/08	Mahomet	Won
9/25/08	Eureka	Won
10/2/08	Prairie Central	Won
10/7/08	Pontiac	Won
10/9/08	Rantoul	Won
10/14/08	Olympia	Won
10/16/08	Mahomet	Won
10/21/08	Eureka	Won
10/23/08	Central Catholic	Won
10/30/08	Regionals	Won
11/1/08	Regionals	Lost

JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL (15-1)



Front Row: Carly Frank, Courtney Schwingle, Elizabeth Composto, Emily Kraft, Whitney VanHook
Second Row: Amanda Hess, Megan Leary, Coach Kate Pole, Ali Lohr, Jenny Darrow
Third Row: Ellie Sloneker, Kambria Vance, Kelly Berryman, Maggie Dunbar, Marissa Diekhoff, Emily France

Date	Team	Results
9/2/08	Bloomington	Lost
9/4/08	Hartsburg	Won
9/9/08	Prairie Central	Won
9/11/08	Pontiac	Won
9/16/08	Rantoul	Won
9/18/08	Olympia	Won
9/20/08	Urbana	Won
9/23/08	Mahomet	Won
9/25/08	Eureka	Won
10/2/08	Prairie Central	Won
10/7/08	Pontiac	Won
10/9/08	Rantoul	Won
10/11/08	Conference	2nd
10/14/08	Olympia	Won
10/16/08	Mahomet	Won
10/21/08	Eureka	Won
10/23/08	Central Catholic	Won

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL (4-10)

Date	Team	Results
9/2/08	Bloomington	Lost
9/9/08	Prairie Central	Lost
9/11/08	Pontiac	Lost
9/16/08	Rantoul	Won
9/18/08	Olympia	Lost
9/23/08	Mahomet	Lost
9/25/08	Eureka	Lost
10/2/08	Prairie Central	Lost
10/7/08	Pontiac	Lost
10/9/08	Rantoul	Won
10/14/08	Olympia	Won
10/16/08	Mahomet	Lost
10/21/08	Eureka	Lost
10/23/08	Central Catholic	Won



Front Row: Faith Phares, Haley Sauve, Jessica Creasy, Shreya Shaw, Kiara Vance, Jessica Elliot **Second Row:** Rachelle Griffin, Jessica Michaels, Coach Maria Pessman, Kelsey Bustle, Jessica Woodall

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING (12-0)

Date	Team	Results
9/9/08	Urbana/NCWHS	Won
9/11/08	Pontiac/Eureka	Won
9/16/08	Champaign	Won
9/20/08	Palatine	Won
9/23/08	Olympia	Won
9/27/08	Bloomington	Won
10/4/08	Richwoods	Won
10/7/08	Dunlap	Won
10/9/08	Intercity	Won
10/14/08	Pekin	Won
10/28/08	Champaign	Won
11/8/08	UHS	Won
11/15/08	Sectionals	2nd

Individual Accomplishments: Kathleen Knight, *MVP*, Alexis Prenzler, *Sportsmanship*



Front Row: Taylor Clayton, Kali Riddell, Allie Slingsby, Ashlee Toca, Alexis Prenzler **2nd Row:** Emily Hovren, Ali Taubert, Becca Remmes, Lauren Miller, Sara Klass, Emma Waltner **3rd Row:** Rachel Shepard, Merryl Clemons, Cassie Anderson, Coach Ryan Burroughs, Ryanne Gorsuch, Katie Klotzbach, Kathleen Knight
Not pictured: Coach Michelle Meyer

MARCHING BAND



1st row: Wesley Holloway, Miriam Ball, Kelsey Maffett, Delayne Durdle
2nd row: Willy McHie, Brooks Woolfolk, Preston Harris, Anna Fritz, Brian Tanaka, Alex Scharf, Ian Ostaszewski, Ben Henderson, Luke Mays, Josh Parton, Adam Falasz, Connor Sampson
3rd row: Emily Waltner, Jake Thacker, Macy André, Sterling Gipson, Kay Schutte, Alexander Zaitzeff, Rachel Dearing, Carol Gu
4th row: Grace Irvin, Candis Laesch, Elizabeth Risius, Tess Losada, Gowtami Rajendran, Hannah Hotzel, Katie Roberts, Tegan Hunter, Kristina Cooper, Andrea Schweers, Elizabeth Ray, Kathryn Hill, Jessica Woodall
5th row: Sienna Reuter, Jessica Elliott, Taihla Eddins, Catherine Holland, Deanna Olson, Maggie Irvin, Melissa Seeborg, Deanna Miller, Brandon Diekhoff, Sam Mueting, Katherine Hepler
6th row: Adam Haile-Mariam, Evan Allen, Ethan Bury, Duncan Harris, Jessica Thacker, Amanda Lawler, Marissa Diekhoff, Rachel Gocker, Melanie Goebel, Michael Friedrich
7th row: Kyle Puckett, Jonathan Ray, Nat Murphy, Kieran Pereira, Jordan Jolliff, Haylee Weakley, Kiara Vance, David Hepler, Alex Gorsuch
8th row: Cymone Wilder, Aaron Tuttle, Logan Maughan, Gerritt Hatcher, D.J. Blume, Paul Beckman, Steven Kiel, Meredith Maughan, Ian Walling
9th row: Jasmine Gibbs, Lynn Burkhead, Alyssa Corbitt, Shannon Bogue, Catelyn Shaw, Chelsea Marshall, Kelsey Larson, Whitney Pledger, Erin Hutchins, Emilie Perez

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING



Front Row: BJ Koebel, Dylan Karraker, Matt Tsao, Brad Saunders, Alex Chavez, JP Langellier, Joel Gebhardt
Second Row: Chandler Brooks, Josh Parton, Brian McCarthy, Clayton Hamilton, Kegan Saajasto, Cole Rosenbaum, Zach Parton, Tyler Hines
Third Row: Coach Ryan Burroughs, Zack Billingsley, John Williamson, Jack McCarthy, Sebastian Grobe, Josh Davis, Jack Mecherle, Mitchell Houska, Christian Grobe, Coach Michelle Meyers

	Team	Results
12/9/08	Champaign Central	1st
12/13/08	Peoria Notre Dame	1st
12/20/08	Richwoods	2nd
1/3/09	Waubonsie	2nd
1/8/09	Dunlap	1st
1/10/09	Champaign Centennial	1st
1/13/09	Pekin	1st
1/20/09	Urbana	1st
1/22/09	Pontiac	1st
1/27/09	Intercity	1st
2/3/09	Springfield/Eureka	1st
2/7/09	Byron	1st
2/21/09	Sectionals	1st
2/26/09-2/28/09	State	24th

Individual Accomplishments: John Williamson *MVP,* Zack Billingsley *Most Improved*, Sebastian Grobe *Most Spirit,* Cole Rosenbaum *Sportsmanship*

Varsity Girls Basketball 13-6

Date	Team	Results
11/17	NCHS	Won
11/19	Bloomington	Won
11/21	NCWHS	Lost
11/25	Central Catholic	Lost
12/2	Rochester	Lost
12/4	Rantoul	Won
12/8	Pontiac	Won
12/13	Chatham-Glenwood	Won
12/22	Olympia	Won
1/5	Lincoln	Won
1/8	Prairie Central	Lost
1/10	Mahomet Seymour	Won
1/12	Central Catholic	Lost
1/17	Eureka	Won
1/26	Olympia	Won
1/31	Richwoods	Lost
2/2	Prairie Central	Won
2/7	Eureka	Won
2/12	Rantoul	Won
2/17	Regionals	Won
2/19	Regionals	Lost



Front Row: Mia Hartung, Laine Smid, Haley Cook, Kelsey Wilson, Jordan Steinbrueck, Alyssa Palmer **Second Row:** Tenisha Brown, Lindsay Schroeder, Maggie Dunbar, Kristen Judson, Annie Nord, Jordan Armstrong, Tiffany Masters

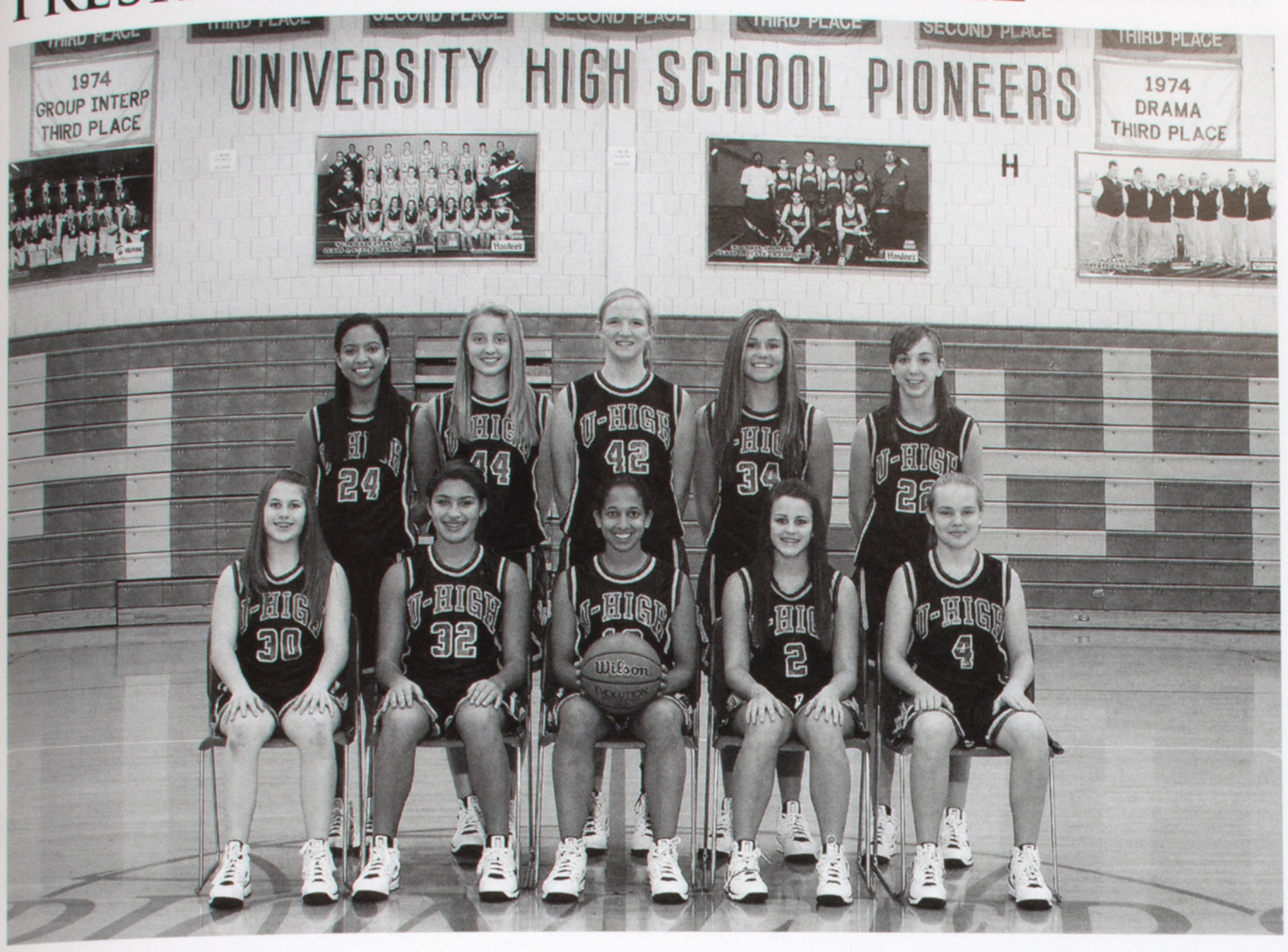
JV Girls basketball

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Front Row: Sarah Telling, Brooke Haile-Mariam, Jenny Darrow, Mia Hartung, Emily Clay, Tiffany Masters
Second Row: Emily Bugg, Maggie Dubbar, Kelly Berryman, Taylor Widdel, Jordan Armstrong

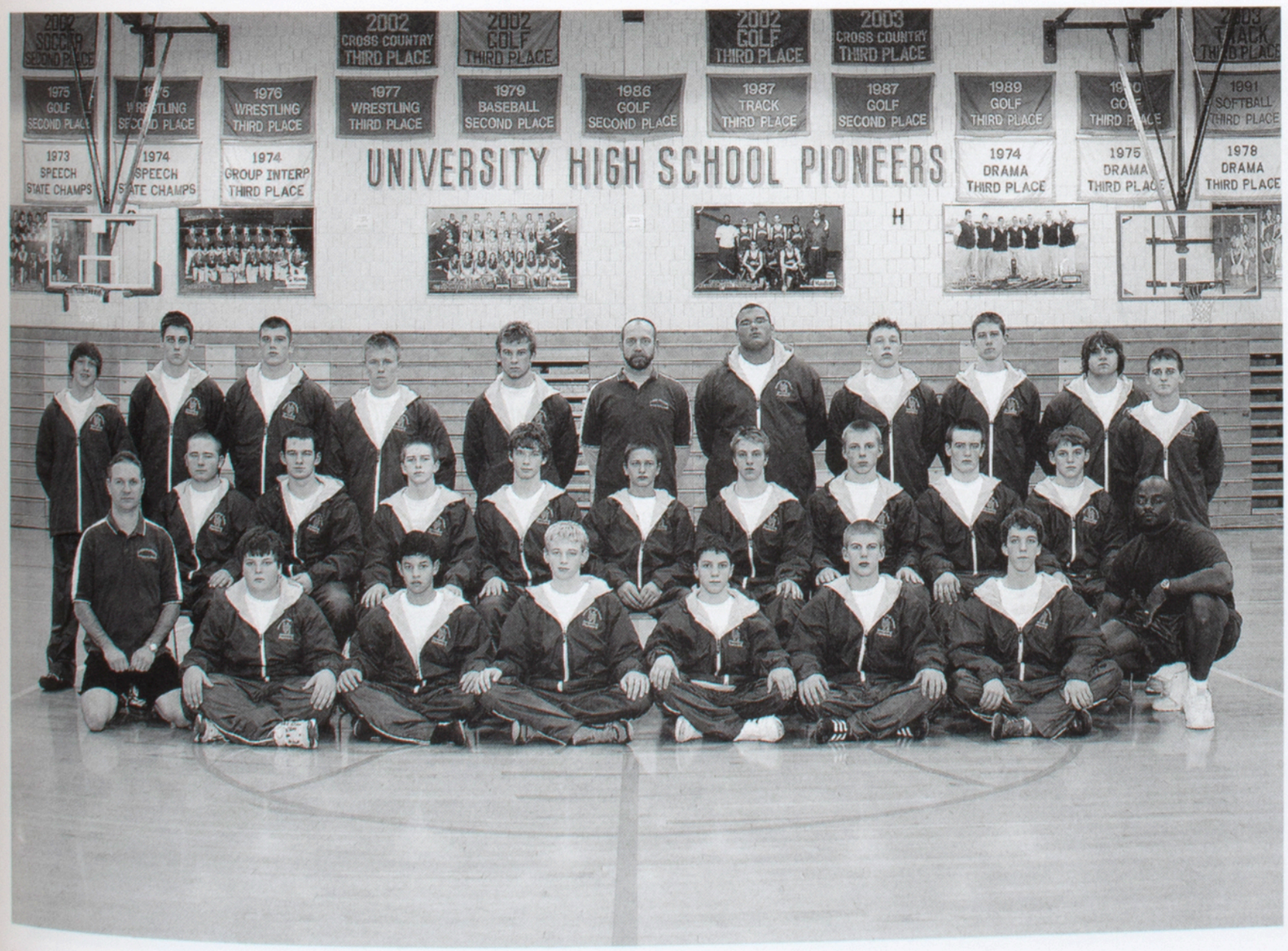
FRESHMAN GIRLS BASKETBALL



Front Row: Sarah Telling, Jordan Armstrong, Brooke Haile-Mariam, Bayli Doubet, Tiffany Masters **Second Row:** Jessica Dennis, Cheyanne Bowers, Katie Lane, Taylor Widdel, Jessica Woodall

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WRESTLING



Front Row: Coach Kevin Dearing, Jon Alden, Bobby Jocson, Michael Kull, Mitchell Dearing, Evan Weaver, Austin Fisk, Coach Harris
Second Row: Pavel Bee, Kyle Olsen, Pat Kelso, Pat King, Mikel Zaitzeff, Drew Todino, Ky Bailey, Alex Bee, Zach Nohns, Jimmy Munson, Logan Rule
Third Row: Jace Mortimer, Nathan Schweitzer, Craig Rich, Logan Stauffer, Coach Troll, Demetrius West, Max Hayden, Robert Chambers, Jake Thacker

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VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL 8-10

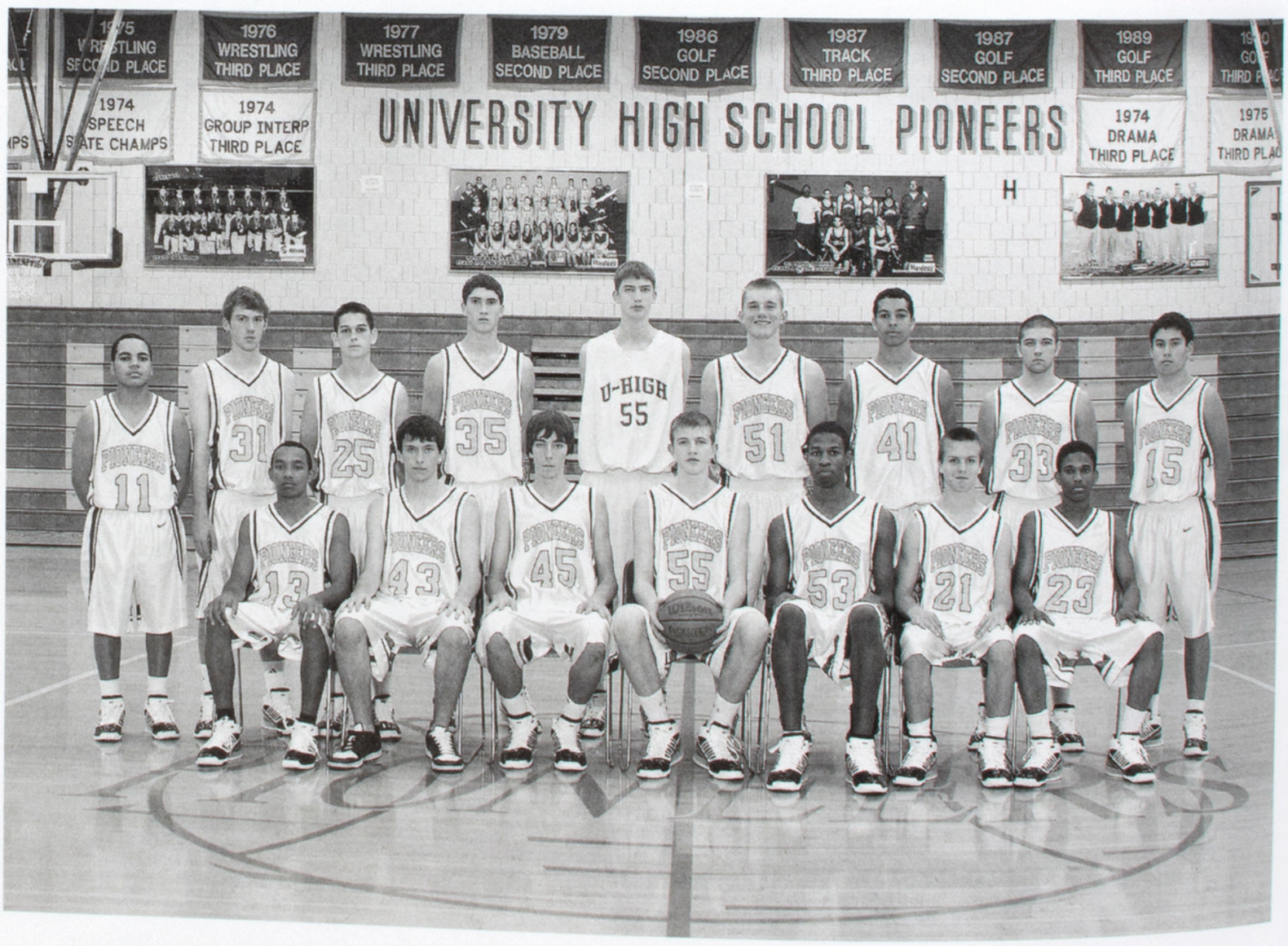
Date	Team	Results
12/5	Rantoul	Won
12/6	Limestone	Won
12/9	Prairie Central	Lost
12/12	Eureka	Lost
12/13	Peoria Woodruff	Lost
12/16	Washington	Lost
1/06	Olympia	Lost
1/09	Mahomet-Seymour	Lost
1/17	Pontiac	Won
1/26	Rantoul	Won
1/27	Prairie Central	Won
1/30	Eureka	Lost
1/31	Danville	Won
2/06	Olympia	Lost
2/10	Mahomet-Seymour	Lost
2/13	Pontiac	Won
2/14	Morton	Won
2/20	Central Catholic	Lost



Front Row: Coach Lester Hampton, Coach Jeff Graham, Coach Fitzgerald, Coach Terry Lootens, Coach Steve Evans **Second Row:** Jeremy Fields, McKinley Elem, Vince Chiodo, Peter Schiller, Luke Harbers, Connor Brown, Brady Knapp, Mitch Styczynski, Kyle English, Nick Paglucia, Eric Robb, Deonte Van Hook, Tommy Schiller, Marlon Pettis, Sammie Elem

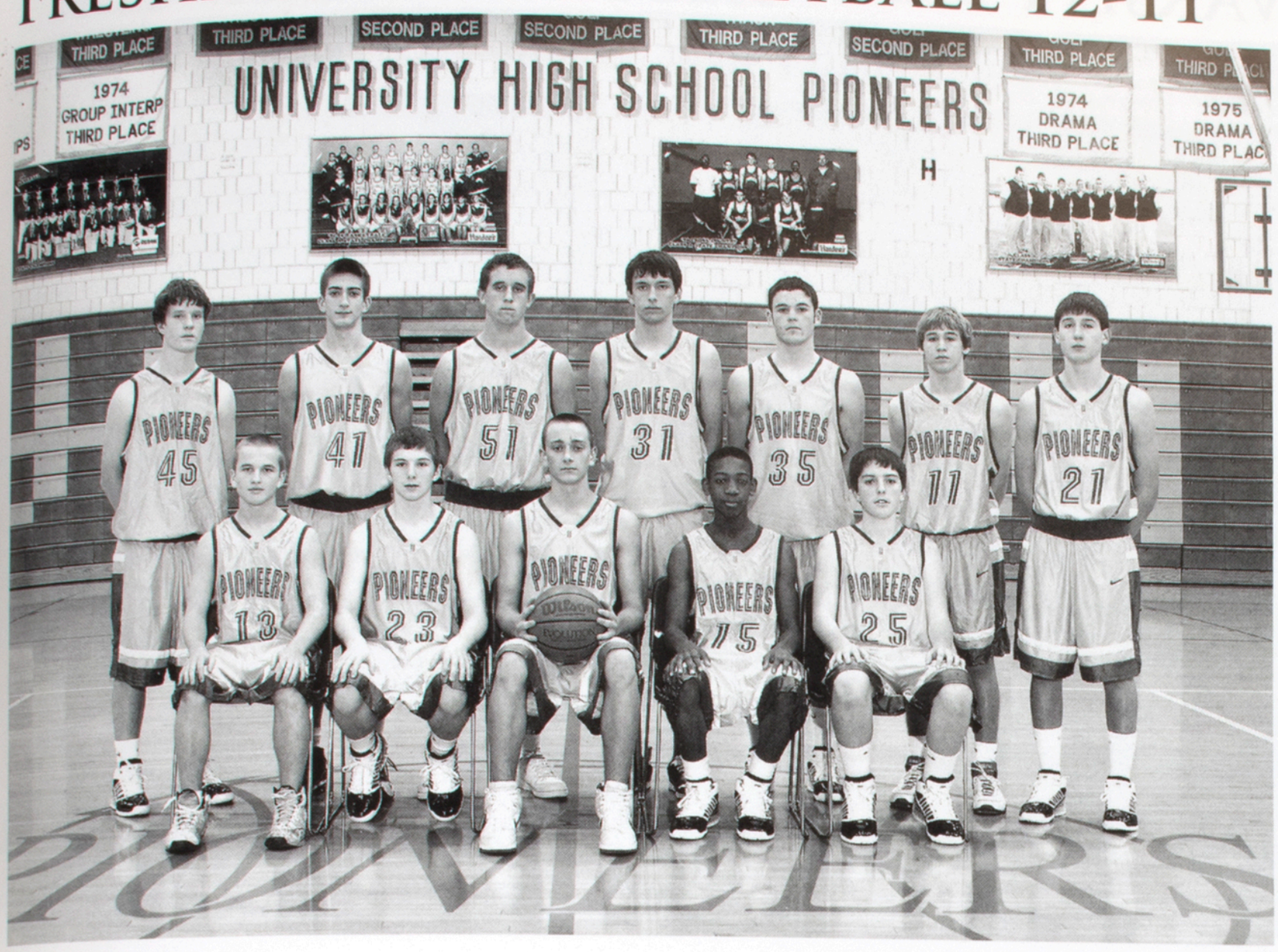
JV BOYS BASKETBALL

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Front Row: Kyle Morris, Ryan Morton, Bryn Agnew, Mitch Styczynski, Chris Trunell, Tommy Schiller, McKinley Elem **Second Row:** James Love, Andrew Arthur, Danny Snyder, Tanner Russell, Brady Knapp, Tyler Scott, Jonathon McDowell, Zach Burlingame, Nick Paul

Freshman Boys Basketball 12-11



Front Row: Jordan Thomas, Darren King, Keenan Kauth, Ira Neal, Ryan Newby **Second Row:** Jordan Stralow, Adam Falasz, Brandon Timm, Ryan Morton, Andy Cochran, David Castillo, AJ Bruns

Date	Team	Results
12/8	Normal West	Won
12/10	Olympia	Won
12/13	El Paso	Won
12/15	Mahomet	Lost
12/20	Prairie Central	Won
1/7	Central Catholic	Won
1/10	Pontiac	Won
1/12	Eureka	Won
1/17	Rantoul	Won
1/19	Lincoln	Lost
1/21	Midland-Varna	Lost
1/24	Olympia	Won
1/26	Normal West	Lost
1/28	Champaign Central	Lost
1/31	Pontiac	Won
2/4	Olympia	Lost
2/7	Mahomet	Won
2/9	Central Catholic	Lost
2/11	Peoria Woodruff	Lost
2/18	Bloomington	Won
2/21	Washington	Lost
2/21	Dunlap	Lost
2/23	Peoria Richwoods	Lost

Boys Tennis (6-4-3)



Front Row: Yang Yang Feng, Kyle Graden, Brandan Patkunis, Mitchell Dearing, Peter McKinzie, Vivek Gulati, Nathaniel Bass **2nd Row:** Michael Guo, Austin Peterson, Matias Wolansky, Parker Ives, Adam Przybylski, Ben Yue, Seth Stalter, Ben Kiesewetter **3rd Row:** Bo Sparks, Kegan Saajasto, Gianni Africano, Alexander Zaitzeff, Jack Mecherle, Coach Holli Will, Munan Singhal, Christopher Hoerdemann, Andre Aung, Brandon Diekhoff

Date	Team	Results
4/16	Pontiac	7-2
4/18	Danville	4-5
4/22	Streator	9-0
4/25	Peoria Notre Dame	3-6
4/25	Metamora	1-5
5/4	Normal	5-4
5/5	Bloomington	1-8
5/7	Central Catholic	4-2
5/8,5/9	Hill Invitational	8th/16 teams
5/11	Normal West	5-4
5/18	Peoria Richwoods	9-0
5/19	Sectionals	3rd/8 teams
5/19	Sectional State	26th/103 teams

Individual Accomplishments: Andre Aung *MVP,* Bo Sparks *Most Improved*, Kegan Saajsto *Sportmanship*, Austin Peterson *Commitment to Excellence*

VARSITY BASEBALL (16-21)

Date	Team	Results
4/1	Tremont	Won
4/2	Peoria Notre Dame	Lost
4/7	Olympia	Lost
4/14	Pontiac	Won
4/15	Normal	Lost
4/16	Eureka	Won
4/22	St. Bede	Lost
4/28	Rantoul	Won
4/29	Rochester	Lost
5/05	Central Catholic	Lost
5/13	Woodruff	Won
5/16	Metamora	Won
5/19	Morton	Lost

Individual Accomplishments: Ryan Ehredt *Sportsmanship*, Connor Brown *MVP,* Alex Bee *Golden Glove*, Jacob Hendren *Most Fundamental*, Jared Hendren *Work Ethic*



Front Row: Colby Carr, Jared Hendren, Jordan Thomas, Jacob Hendren, Adam Doubet, D.J. Blume, Jim Solberg, Tommy Schiller **2nd Row:** Tanner Frey, Connor Brown, Kyle Gallagher, Alex Bee, Nick Paul, Scott Endsley, Dustin Stuart **3rd Row:** Coach Darryl Craig, Ryan Ehredt, Nick Kauffman, Coach Greg Bee, Cody Schultz, Coach Brian Auer

SOPHOMORE BASEBALL (8-12)

Team	Results
Olympia	Lost
Central Catholic	Lost
Pontiac	Lost
Eureka	Won
Clinton	Won
Clinton	Won
Mahomet	Won
Tri-Valley	Won
Tri-Valley	Lost
Rantoul	7-7
Morton	Won
El Paso	Won
Mahomet	Lost
Central Catholic	Lost
Pontiac	Lost
Rochester	Lost
Rochester	Lost
Normal	Lost
Prairie Central	Won
Bloomington	Lost



Front Row: Drew Potter, Ryan Newby, Nate May, Matthew Carr, Austin Monteith **Second Row-** Michael Hartman, Michael Kull, Ryan Morton, Andrew Arthur, Jon Ray, Brian Tanaka **Third Row-** Coach Havenga, Preston Harris, Nick Ensenberger, Trevor Dennewitz, Tanner Temby, Nick Paul, Coach Christian

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER



Front Row- Rona Hunter, Marissa Tank, Paige Knippenberg, Claire Jones, Courtney Allen
Second Row- Olivia Crockett, Maggie Shane, Jenna Wampler, Sarah Telling, Tiffany Masters, Emily Allen
Third Row- Coach Tom Whiting, Lydia Wilson, Lindsey Spaits, Anna Lenart, Coach Hayley Sefton, Emily Hahn, Mac Olson, Sadie Somers, Coach Dave Blackburn

Date	Team	Results
3/28	Metamora	Won
3/30	Intercity -West	Lost
4/2	Intercity-NCHS	Lost
4/4	Intercity - CCHS	Won
4/8	BHS	1-1
4/11	Alleman High School	Won
4/13	Urbana	Won
4/14	Champaign Centennial	Won
4/16	Peoria Notre Dame	Won
4/18	Richwoods	Won
4/21	West	Won
4/25	Champaign Central	Won
5/5	Mahomet-Seymour	Won
5/8	RockBridge	Won
5/9	Sacred Heart Griffin	Won
5/9	Rolla	2-2
5/19	Regionals -Washington	Won
5/23	Regioaals- Morton	Won
5/26	Sectionals - Dunlap	Won

GIRLS JV SOCCER



Front Row: Sterling Gipson, Alia Khan, Amelie Provosty, Nina Pagluica, Bayli Doubet **2nd Row:** Maggie Shane, Simone Gustafssan, Jessica Thacker, Rona Hunter, Catherine Holland, Tiffany Masters, Macy André **3rd Row:** Coach Tom Whiting, Haylee Weakly, Jessica Everingham, Alyssa Corbitt, Olivia Crockett, Deanna Olson, Allison Frey, Coach Hayley Sefton

NO STATS AVAILABLE

VARSITY SOFTBALL (8-10)

Date	Team	Results
4/1	Morton	Lost
4/3	Rantoul	Lost
4/4	Tri-Valley	Won, Lost
4/7	Olympia	Lost
4/9	Central Catholic	Won
4/11	Bloomington	Lost
4/15	Williamsville	Lost
4/16	Eureka	Won
4/17	NCHS	Lost
4/22	Prairie Central	Won
4/23	Mahomet	Won
4/24	Peoria Christian	Won
4/28	Rantoul	Lost
5/1	NCWHS	Lost
5/4	Pontiac	Won
5/7, 5/9	Corn Belt	2nd place
5/11	Maroa-Forsythe	Lost
5/21	Mahomet	Won

Individual Accomplishments: Casie Golliday *Sportsmanship,* Lindsay Schroeder *Best Defensive,* Bailey Bottorff *Most Improved,* Haley Cook *Most Versatile*, Kristen Satchwell *Best Offensive,* Chloe Hundman *Best Defensive*, Kali Riddell *Most Spirit*



Front Row: Casie Golliday, Lindsay Schroeder, Kelsie M. Celis **2nd Row:** Kelsey Wilson, Kristina Mlincsek, Bailey Bottorff, Kyley McKeown **3rd Row:** Kristen Satchwell, Kali Riddell, Haley Cook, Grace Irvin, Danielle Warner, Chloe Hundman, Jane McCullough

JV SOFTBALL (14-6)

Date	Team	Results
4/1	Morton	6-0
4/7	Olympia	2-1
4/9	Central Catholic	1-0
4/11 DH	Bloomington	6-0, 14-6
4/15	Williamsville	8-2
4/16	Eureka	4-0
4/18	Tri-Valley	5-4
4/18	Clinton	4-1
4/18	Pontiac	1-4
4/22	Normal	0-5
4/23	Mahomet	3-0
4/29	Clinton	0-2
5/4	Pontiac	1-12
5/6	Normal West	4-5
5/9	Olympia	1-15
5/9	Eureka	3-0
5/9	Mahomet	8-0
5/19	Streator	9-3
5/21	Mahomet	8-1

Individual Accomplishments: Melanie Goebel *Best Offensive,* Jessica Elliott *Best Defensive,* Rachel Gocker *Most Improved,* Chloe Hundman *MVP*



First Row: Kyley McKeown, Rachel Wall, Shannon Stuart, Emily Kraft, Morgan Sondgeroth, Lydia Alvis **Second Row-** Jessica Elliott, Emily Vazquez, Natalie Bowman, Faith Phares, Haley Sauve **Third Row-** Coach Pessman, Chloe Hundman, Rachel Gocker, Ellie Sloneker, Mia Hartung, Melanie Goebel, Kali Riddell, Coach Sondgeroth

GIRLS TRACK



Date	Team	Results
4/9	CCHS Open Meet	1st
4/11	Springfield Invite	3rd
4/14	Lincoln, Olympia, Clinton	1st
4/17	BHS Invite	3rd
4/22	CCHS Open Meet	1st
4/24	NCHS Invite	2nd
4/30	Intercity	5th
5/5	Olympia Co-ed Relays	2nd
5/11	Corn Belt	3rd
5/15	Sectional	3rd
5/23,5/23	State	17th

Front Row: Amanda Lawler, Kimmy Probus, Anna DeGraaf, Melanie Matlock, Jordan Bond, Anna Vaughn, Rachel Johnson, Carly Stephens, Wen Yang **Second Row:** Georgia Keen, Kiara Vance, Amanda Hess, Kelsey Emmert, Laine Smid, Olivia Castillo, Alyssa Palmer **Third Row:** Emily Clay, Rachelle Griffin, Jordan Armstrong, Katharina Reisert, Charlotte Roberti, Alexis Namoff, Rebekah Johnson **Fourth Row:** Eric Lyons, Katie Lane, Lyndsay Shaver, MollyRuth Anderson, Liz Composto, Rosie Phipps, Kara Botorac, Kambria Vance, Hannah Radostits

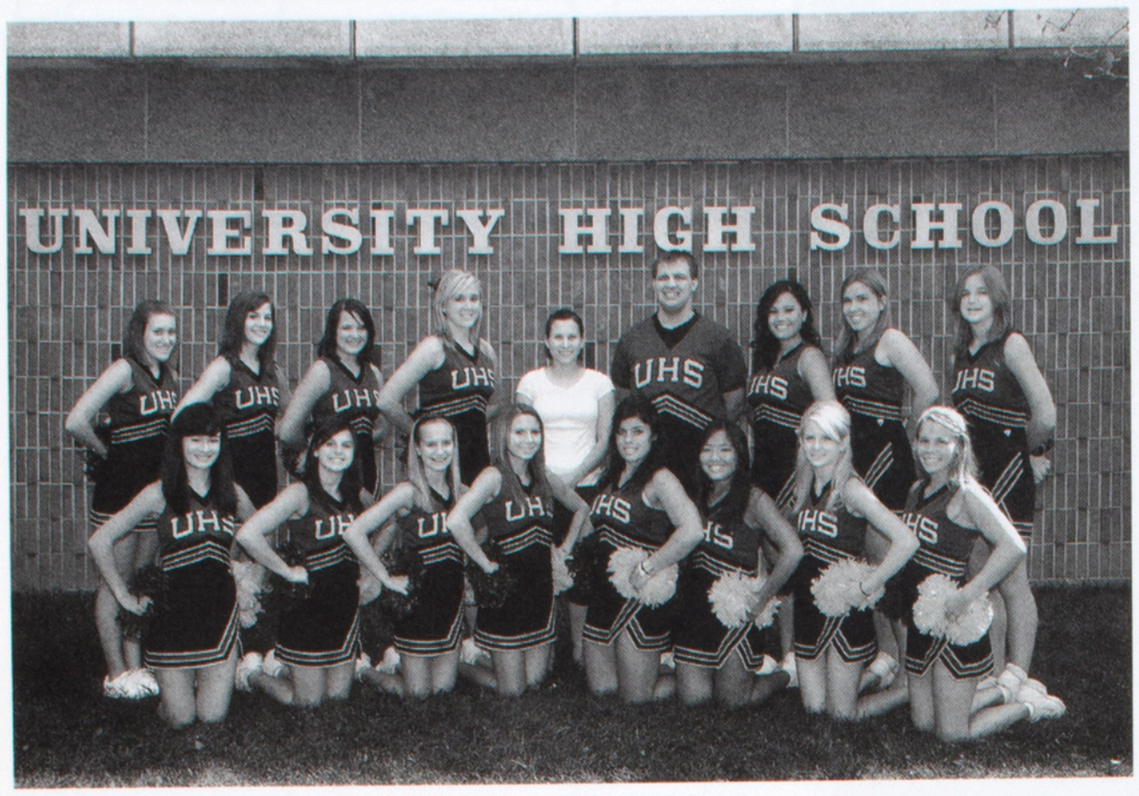
BOYS TRACK



Date	Team	Results
4/7	St. Joe/Monticello	2nd
4/9	Central Catholic	Won
4/14	Lincoln/Clinton/Olympia	2nd
4/18	Lanphier	4th
4/22	Central Catholic	Won
4/24	Normal Relays	N/A
4/28	Intercity	3rd
5/5	Olympia Relays	2nd
5/8	Clinton Carnival	Won
5/11	Conference	2nd
5/16	Mahomet JV Invite	2nd
5/22	Sectionals	Won
5/29	State	TBA

Front Row: Tim Glover, Rob Hanson, Will Brucker, Jake Todino, Collin Kraft, Ikechi Nnamani, Josiah Husk, Cullen Kennel, Jonathan Hill, Vincent Kroll **2nd Row:** Tyler Scott, Mitch Januzik, Sean Comerford, Wil Ward, Ian Ostaszewski, Austin Butorac, Jordan Kilhoffer, Mitchell Houska, James Clay **3rd Row:** Chris Michels, Ryan Rutherford, Stephen Husk, Michael Galvin, Mike DeCremer, Mikel Zaitzeff, KJ Rohman, Kyle Morris **4th Row:** Ian Walling, Kirk Saunders, Nick Geyer, Alex Parlette, Zach Burlingame, Tanner Russell, Eli Sloneker, Jake Phelan, Matt Donovan **5th Row:** Cody Gudenrath, Jason Brooks, Nic Flach, Brooks Woolfolk, Brent Emmerson, Michael Friedrich, William Brown, Ivan Sykes, Chiko Zintambila, Alex Gorsuch **6th Row:** Coach Lester Hampton

FALL CHEERLEADING



Front Row: Melissa Seeborg, Shelby Yoder, Katie Sandage, Jordan Stork, Amanda Blair, Hannah Hotzel, Allie Mahr, Hannah Corley
Second Row: Hannah Griffin, Allison Frey, Anneke Schweers, Lindsey Spaits, Coach Diana Gillett, Kenny Lane, Rachel Dauenbaugh, Ellyn Polley, Deanna Olson

FALL DANCE TEAM



Front Row: Sierra Anders, Sidney Bickerstaff, Anna Fritz, Katy Biddle, Elizabeth Lindenmeier
Second Row: Emily Honzel, Katie Telling, Brittany Shoemaker, assistant coach Jenny Jakimiw, Chesran Glidden, Hannah Krajewski, Kathryn Hill

WINTER CHEERLEADING



Front Row: Katie Sandage, Hannah Hotzel
Second Row: Delayne Durdle, Amanda Blair, Cassie Anderson, Anna Vaughn, Ellyn Polley, Hannah Corley, Melissa Seeborg, Anneke Schweers, Kenny Lane
Third Row: Coach Drew Miller, Jordan Stork, Hannah Griffin, Rachel Dauenbaugh, Lindsey Spaits, Allison Frey, Haylee Weakly, Deanna Olson, Coach Diana Gillett
Not Pictured: Shelby Yoder, Allie Mahr, Kassie Cole, Annie Nord

WINTER DANCE TEAM



Front Row: Brittany Shoemaker, Anna Fritz, Sierra Anders
Second Row: Chesran Glidden, Katie Telling, Kelsey Larson, Kathryn Hill, Katy Biddle, Hannah Krajewski
Not Pictured: Elizabeth Lindenmeier

ANIME CLUB



Front Row: Katie Roberts, Ian Walling, Catelyn Shaw, Shannon Rogue, Katie Newport
Second Row: Zack Taylor, Marta Ayele, Tara Crampton, Emma Blyth
Third Row: Nathaniel Holland, Alex Harris, Chris Michels, Jon Alden
Not Pictured: Elizabeth Ray, Paul Beckman, Jenn Wilt

ART CLUB



Front Row: Arik Henning, Nathaniel Holland, Jasmine Gibs, Meredith Maughan, Merryl Clemons, Anneke Schweers, Karthik Patil
Second Row: Alex Harris, Chelsea Bakaitis, Chris Michels, Georgia Keen, Emma Blyth, Kiara Vance, Carley Frank, Tara Crampton
Third Row: Alia Khan, Emily Hahn, Kathryn Cullen, Claire Jones, Natalie Bowman, Jane McCullough, Liz Composto, Aaron Slama, Katie Newport

BROME AND BEYOND



First Row: Kelsey Williams, Emilie Perez, Ji-Eun Park, Ashlee Sang
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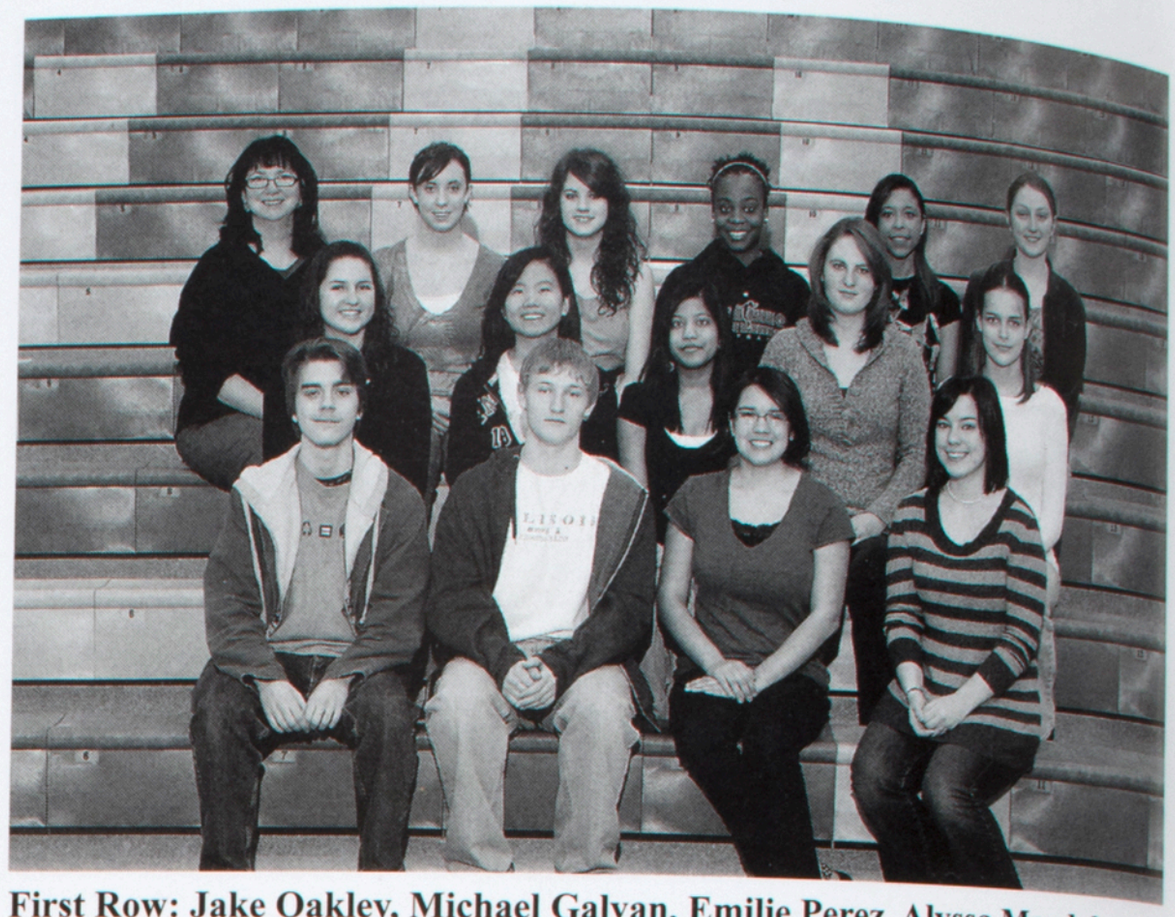
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CONNECTIONS



First Row: Tegan Hunter, Brittany Evans, Maria Helgeson, Hana Ayele, Morgan Sondgeroth
Second Row: Dixie Lee Lewis, Stephanie Carlson, Rachel Johnson, Gowtami Rajendran, Mounika Paravastu, Shannon Bogue
Third Row: Rob Hanson, Stephanie Schwingle, Annie Nord, Josh Davis

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB



First Row: Jake Oakley, Michael Galvan, Emilie Perez, Alyssa Mandula
Second Row: Ashlee Sang, Ji-Eun Park, Ila Sruti, Samantha Walker, Kelsey Williams
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CULTURE CLUB



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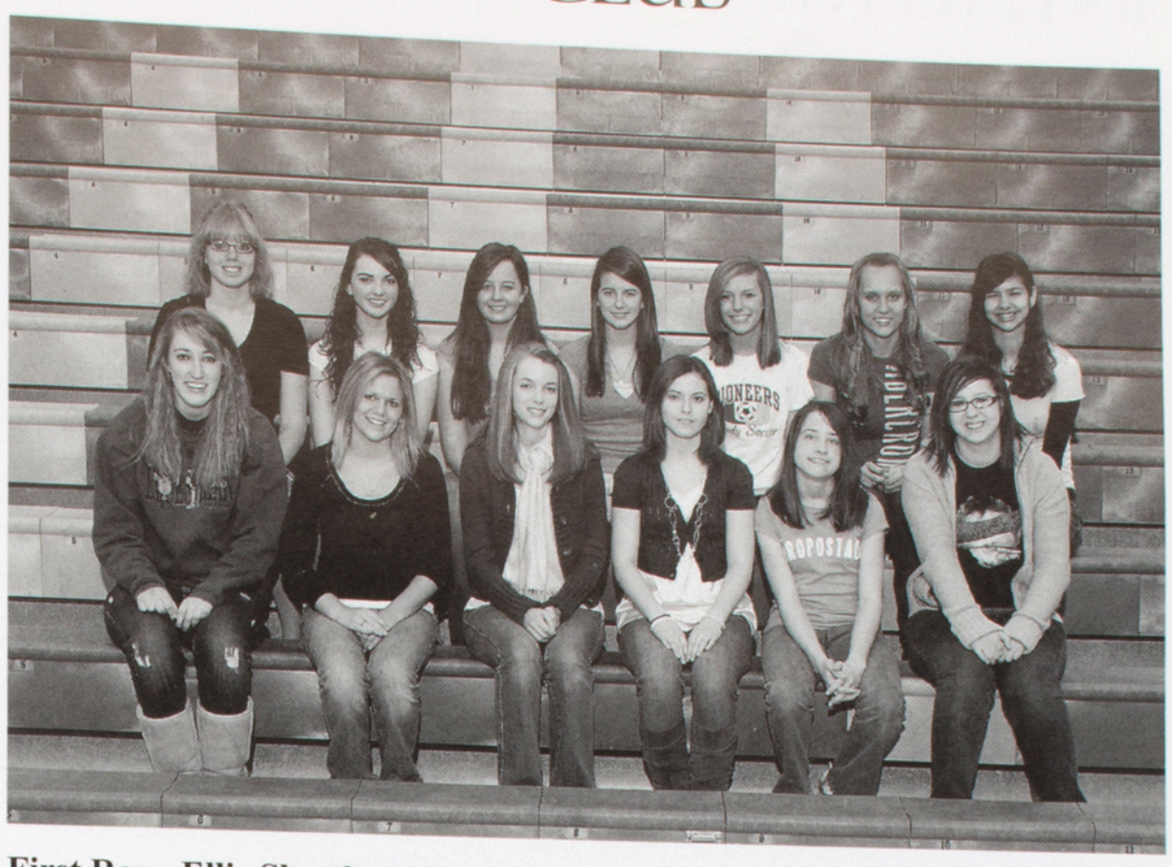
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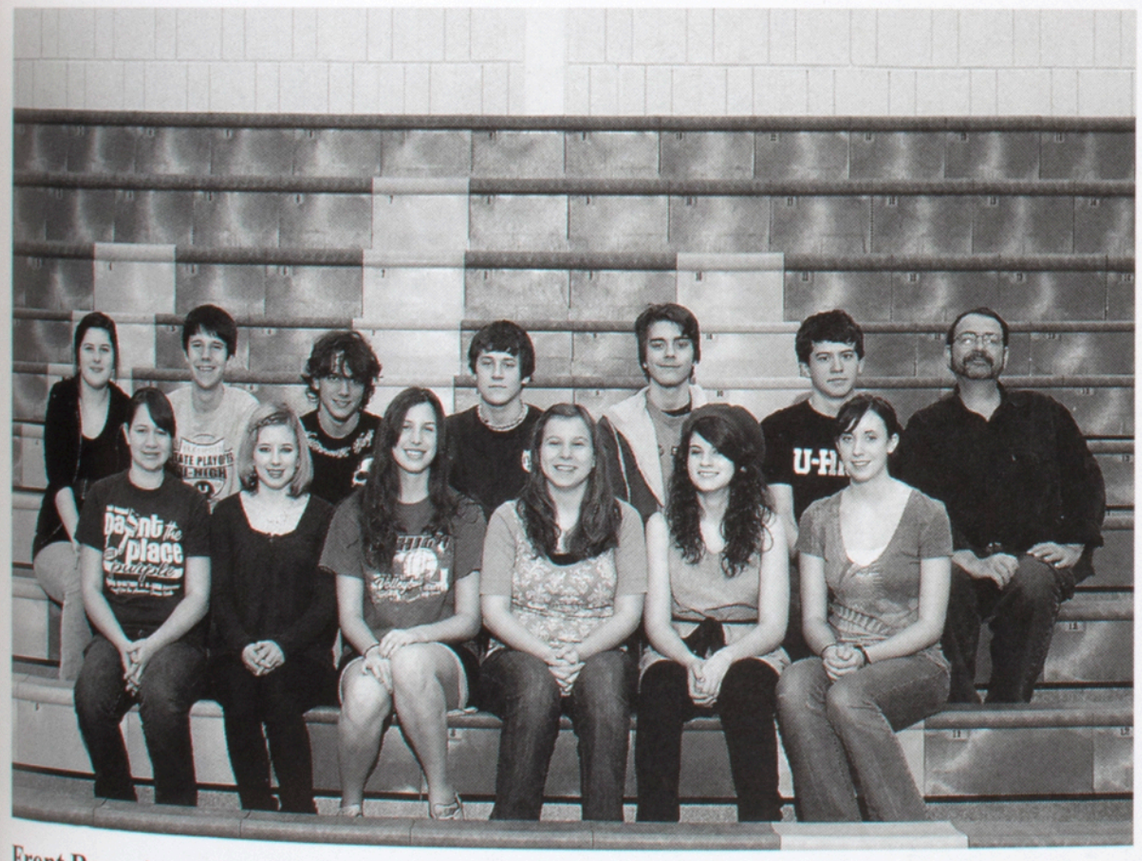
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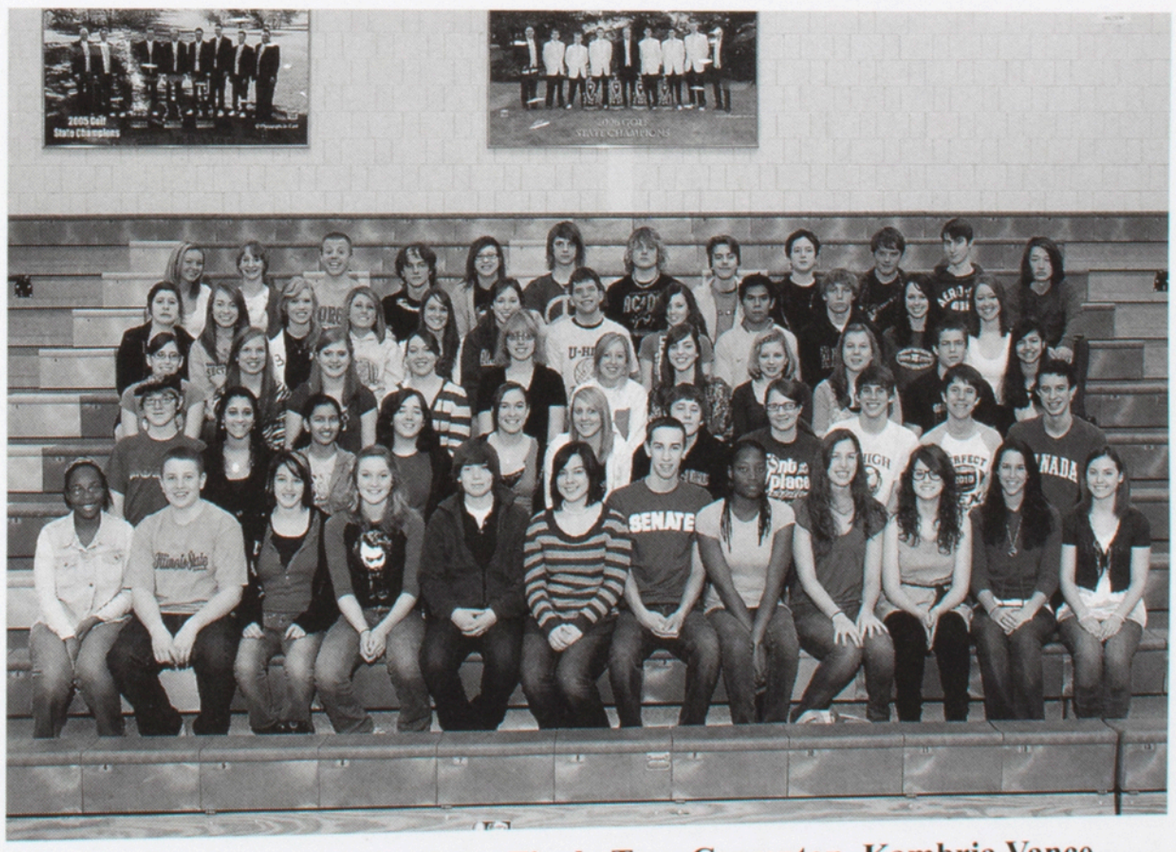
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FILM CLUB



Front Row: Andi Schweers, Mary Solberg, Brooke Sushka, Kelsey Maffett, Emma Blyth, Marissa Diekhoff,
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GSA



Front Row: Taihla Eddins, John Finch, Tara Crampton, Kambria Vance, Ashley Beverage, Alyssa Mandula, Zach McGowan, Jasmine Gibs, Brooke Shusnka, Emma Blyth, Jenny Koth, Jade Kestian
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Fourth Row: Anna Weis, Kelsey Emmert, Mallie Feltner, Lauren English, Emily France, Keith Graden, Erin Hannah, Alejandro Montesdeoca, Christian Grobe, Bridgett Kennel, Elizabeth Lindenmeier, Alexis Bustle,
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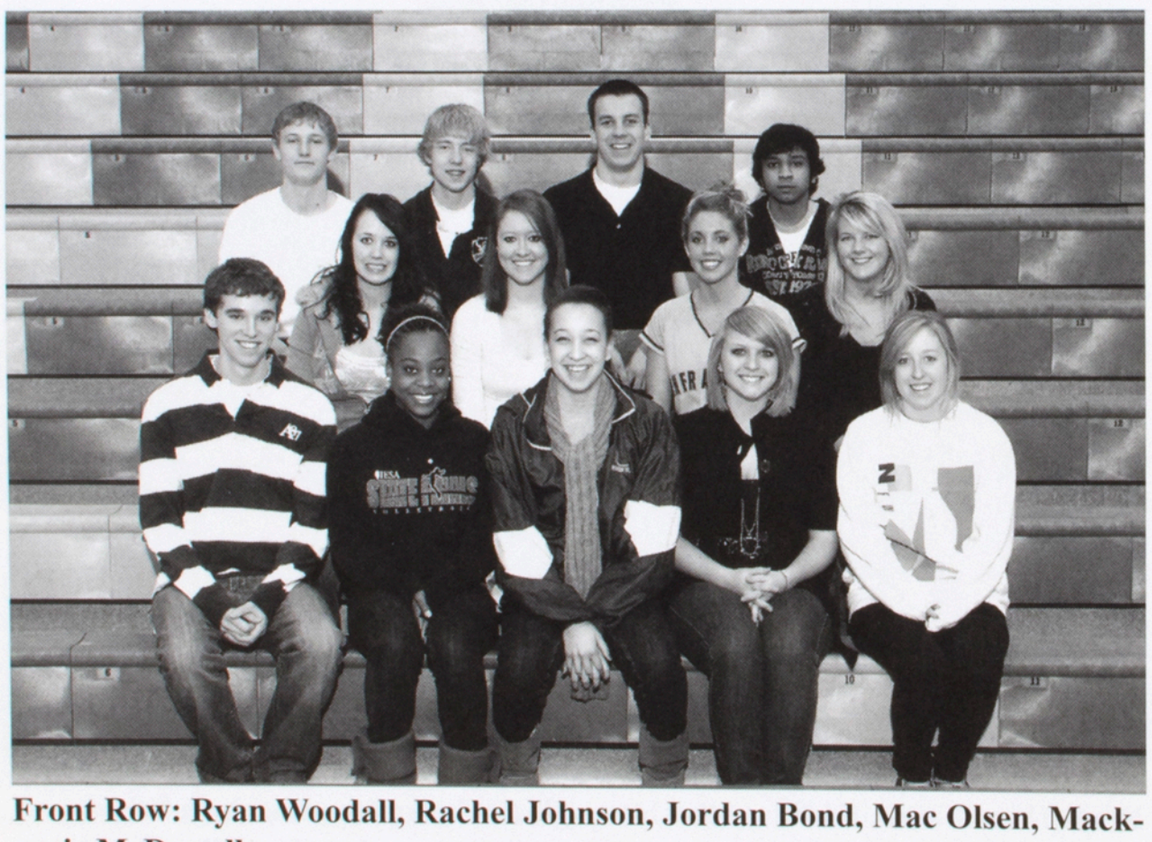
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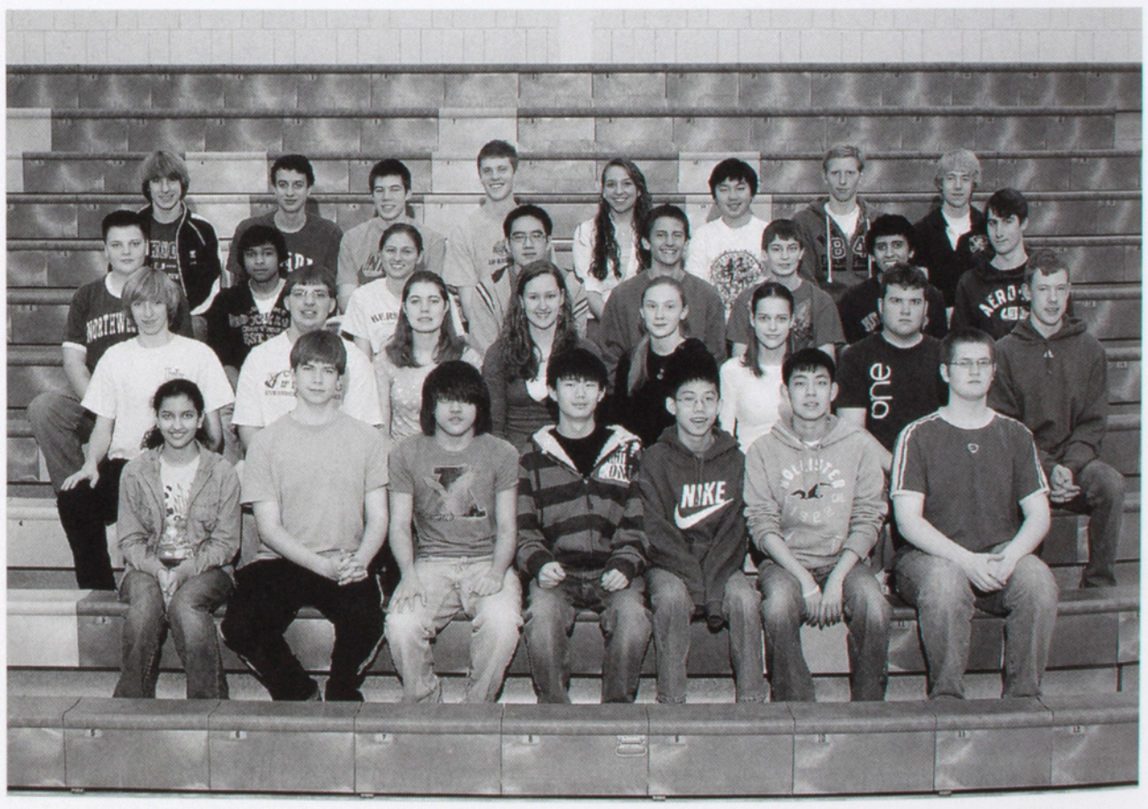
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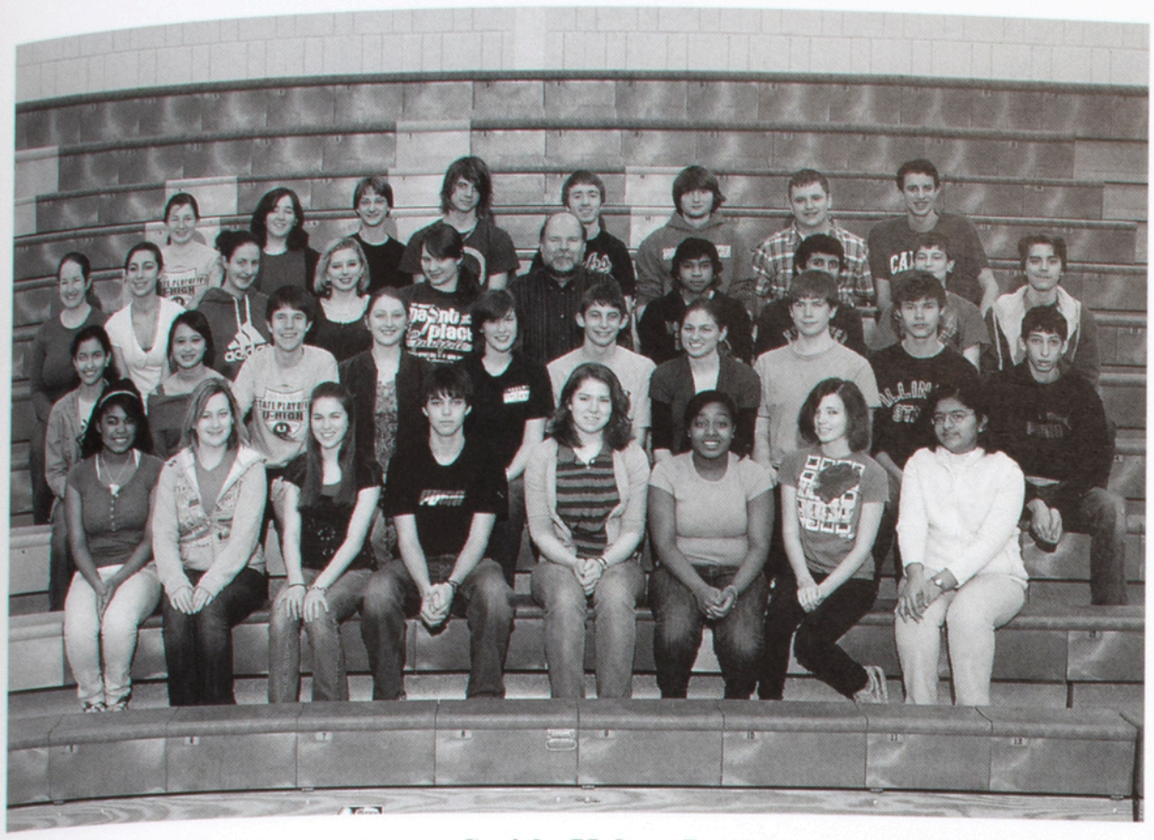
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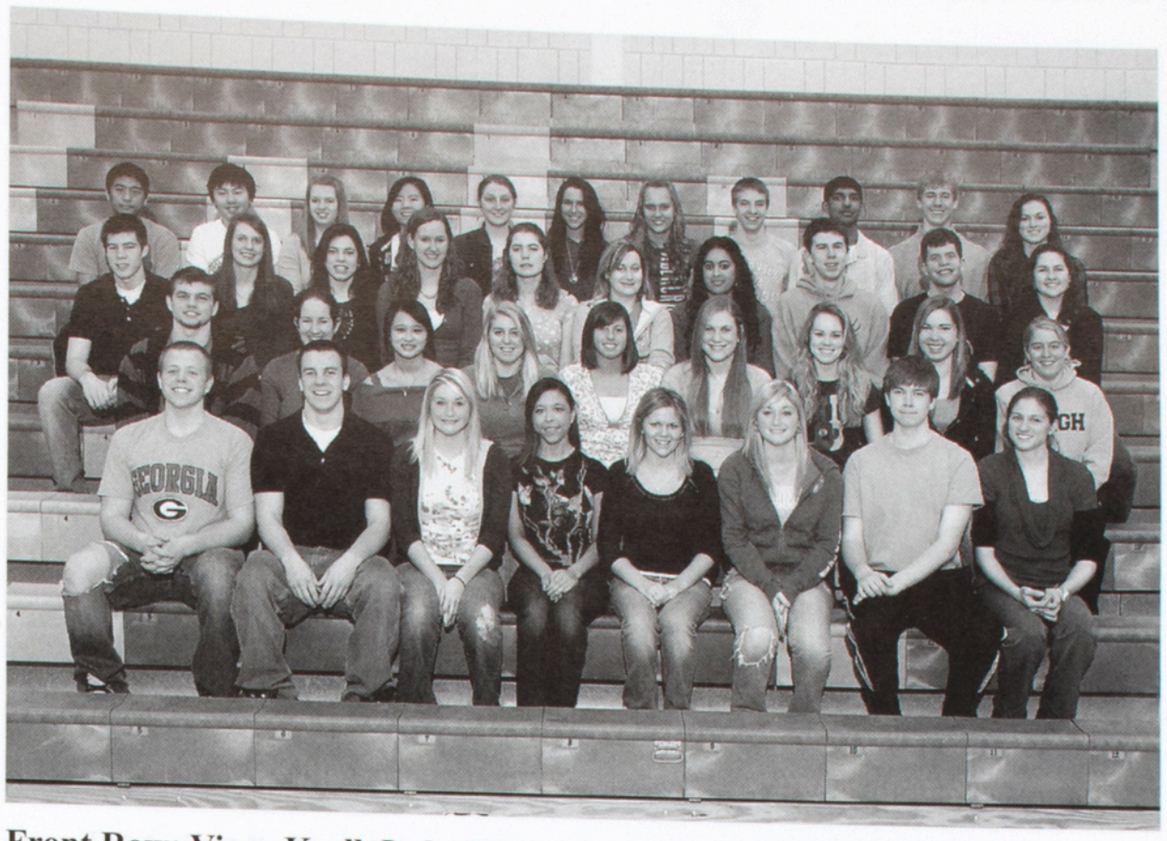
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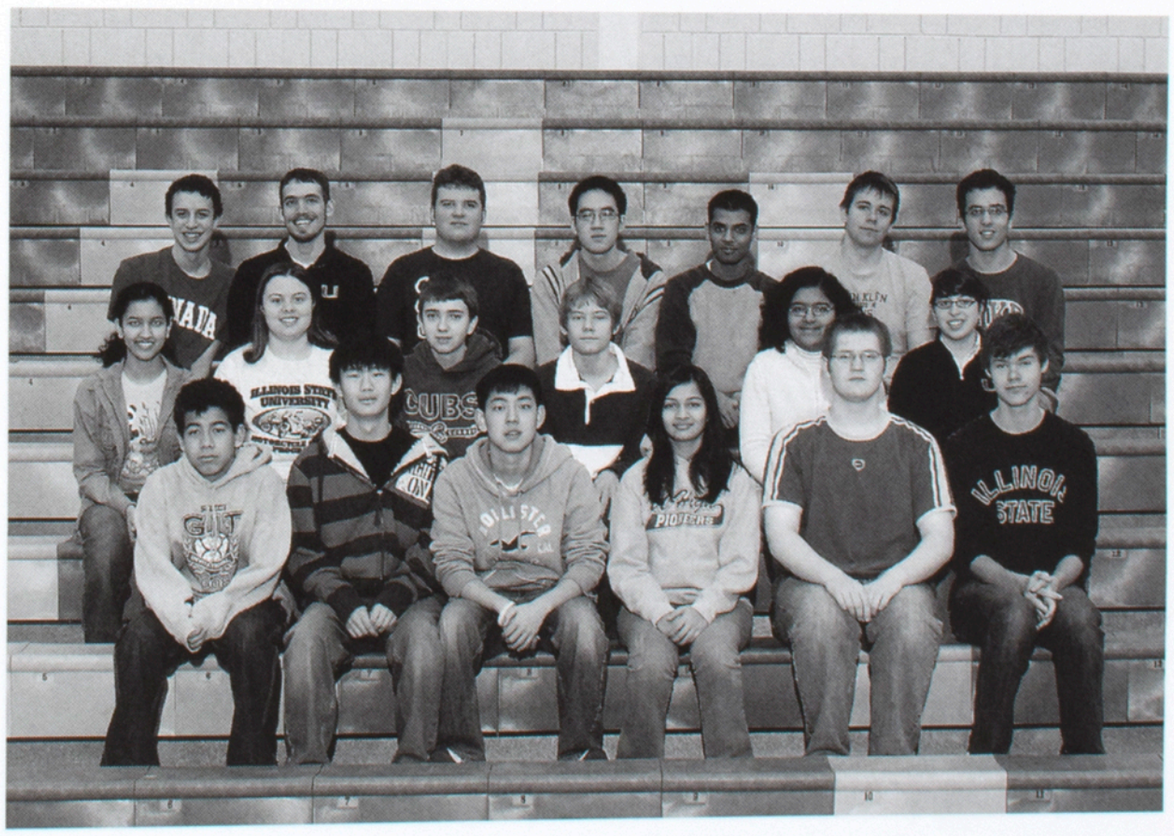
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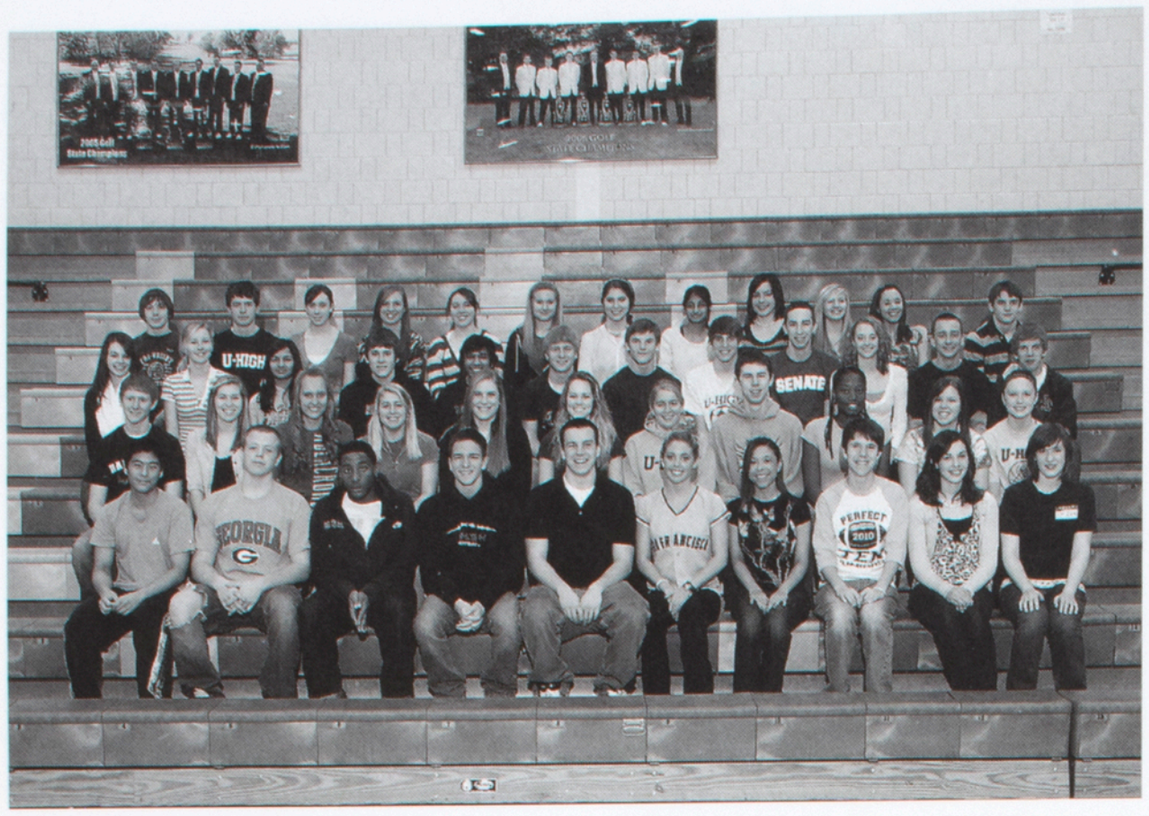
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SCHOLASTIC BOWL



Front Row: Zain Becerra, Yang-Yang Feng, Michael Guo, Shreya Shah, David Cooper, Drew Minick
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SENATE



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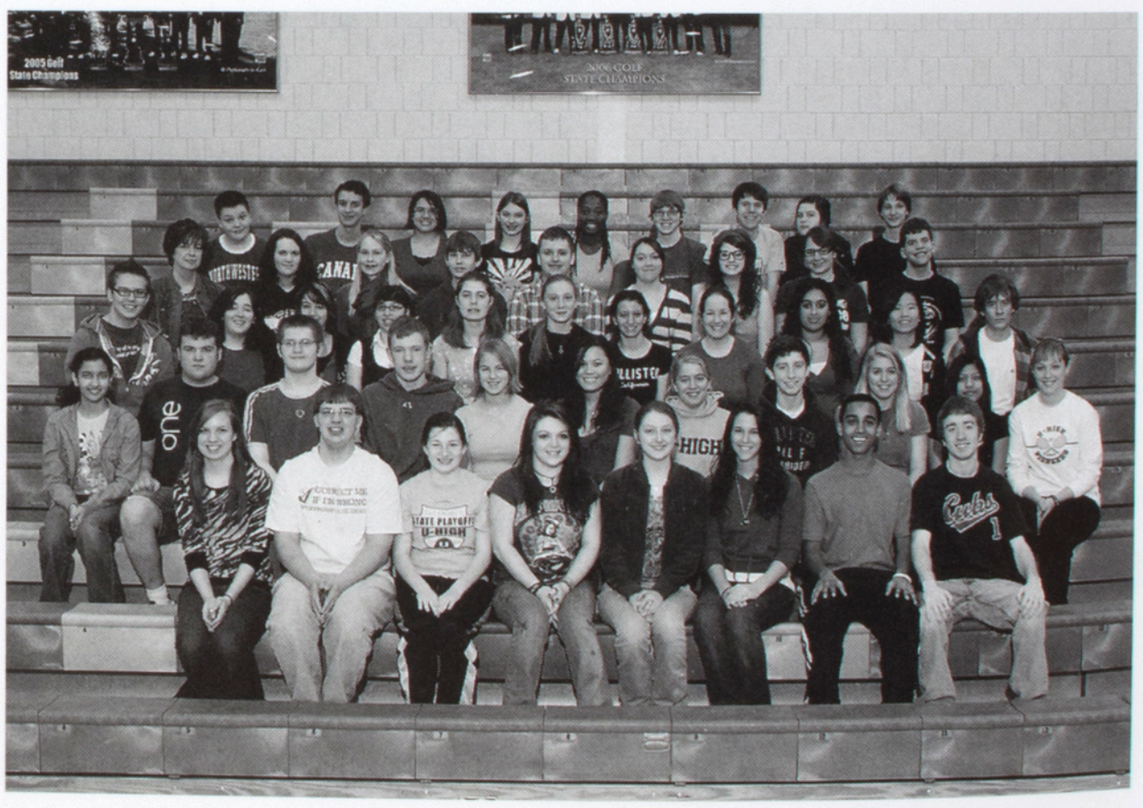
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SPEECH TEAM



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THESPIANS



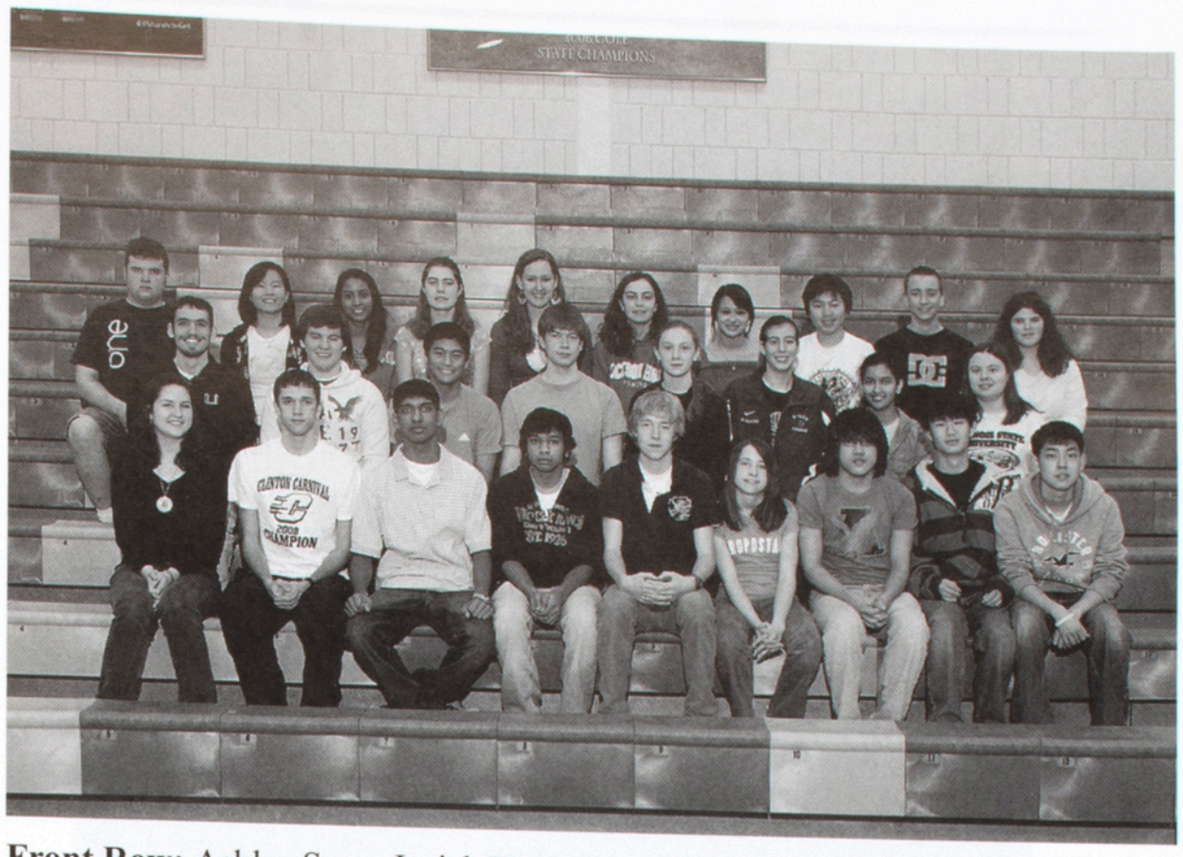
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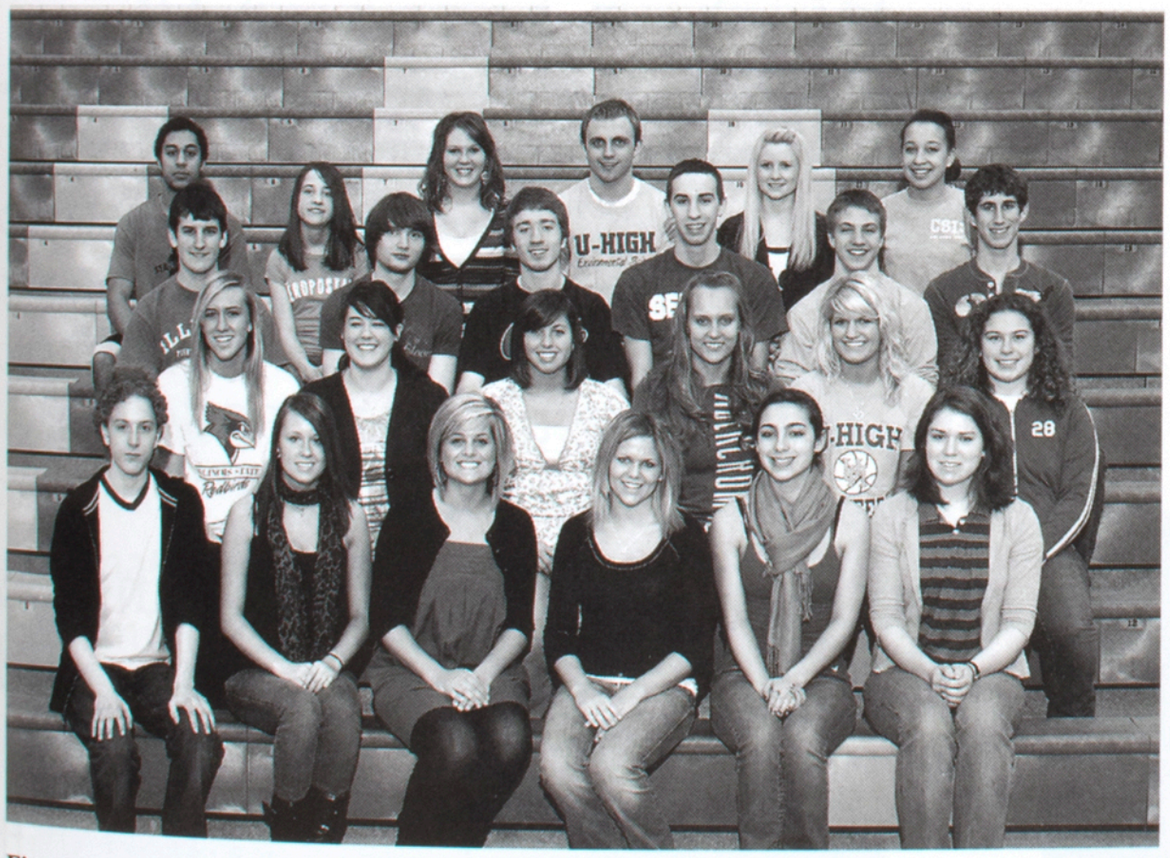
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WYSE



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YEARBOOK



First Row: Matt Shrier, Maddie Andre, Katie Zimmerman, Ali Mueller, Tess Losada, Chelsea Bakaitis
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ELIZABETH RAY

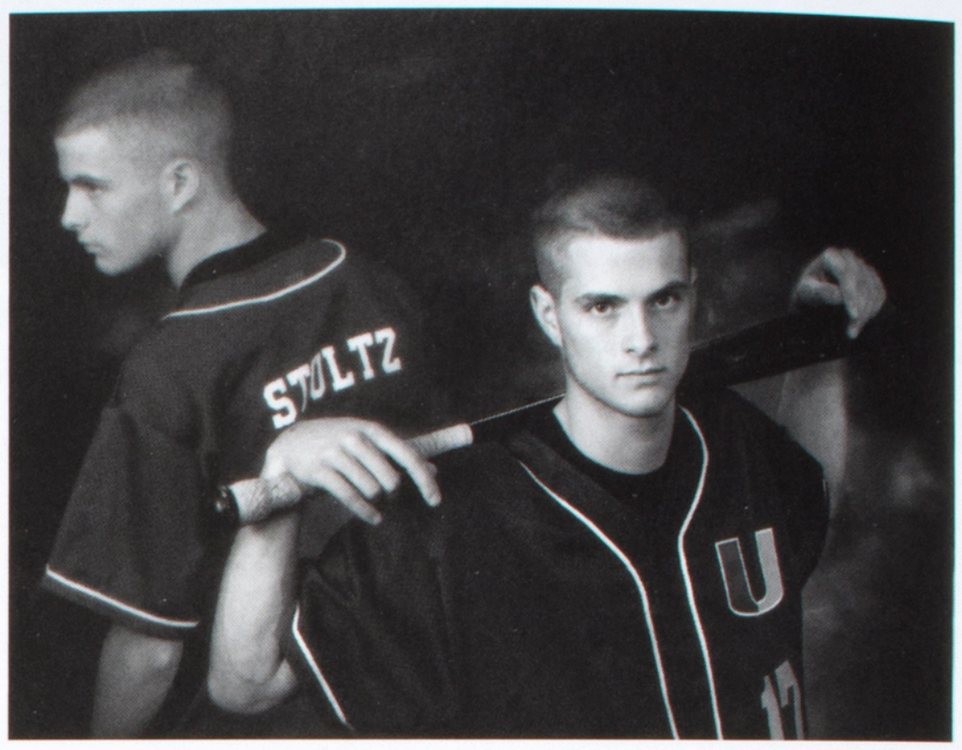
Way to go Elizabeth!
We are so proud of you.
God's blessings at Wheaton!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Jonathan, Caroline and Daniel



CODY STULTZ

Congratulations Cody!
We are so proud of you.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Ashley



JENNY KOTH

Congratulations, Jenny!

We are so proud of you.
You have always made good choices.
You are such a hard-working, beautiful, talented & wise young lady.

May your future be filled with much happiness!

Love, Mom & Dad





ANNIE NORD

You have always been a joy to us. You've grown to be a truly amazing young lady with the potential to achieve whatever you desire. We are so proud of your accomplishments- in academics, sports, leadership, and music.

We are excited for your future. Continue to dream big, and always remember, "If you can dream it, you can do it!" And always keep smiling, because your smile brightens our world.

We love you!
Mom & Dad





ALI MUELLER

I am so proud of the beautiful young lady you have grown up to be. I am most proud of your tender heart and your loving personality. You have the world ahead of you, let there be no boundaries…go forth with confidence. I am certain you will succeed no matter what path you may follow. Keep smiling and always know I love you.
Mom.



KATE ZIMMERMAN

Our dearest Katie,
Your smile, sweet spirit, and compassionate, tender heart has blessed us and many others these past 18 years.
By putting God and others first, you will always be a success. We are proud of you and love you very much.
Dad and Mom



MADELINE ANDRÉ

"Do not follow where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."
- Ralph Waldo Emmerson
We love you and are very proud of you,
We can't wait to see where you create your path.
Wishing you happiness and success!
Love Mom, Dad, Alaska, and Macy
P.S. Wear sunscreen





HANA AYELE

What a joy to have watched you grow into such an intelligent & beautiful woman. We know you have the strength to handle challenges that may come your way.
Stay true to yourself and never forget your family is always there for you.
We love you.
Mom, Dad, Marta & Mikael



AARON BARTON

Congratulations, Star!
We remember you being born a miracle, playing baseball and chess, having fun at Disney, and being a loving person. Thank you for the memories. May the joy of the Lord fill your life!
Love,
Mom and Dad



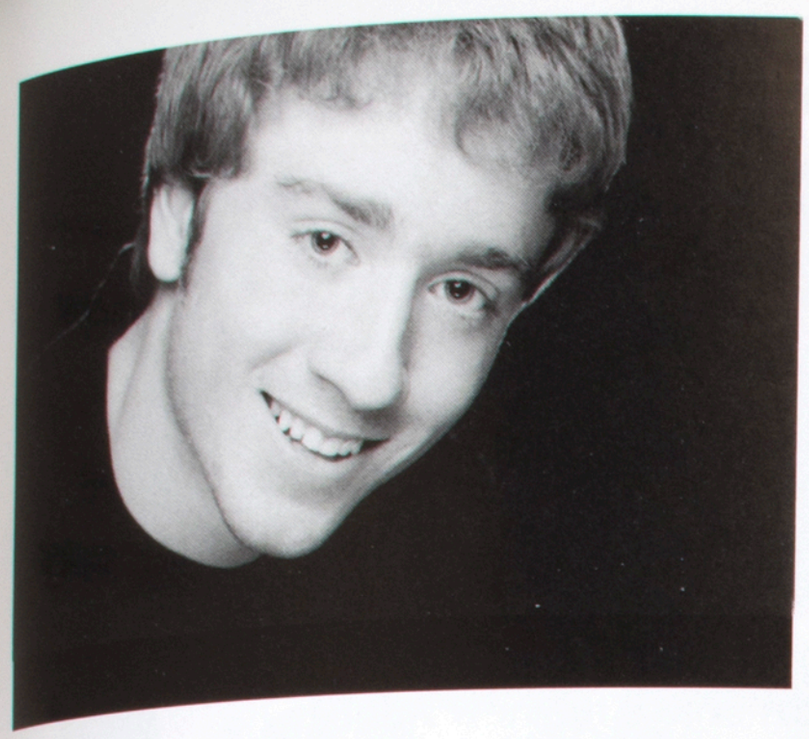
BRITTANY EVANS

To our Beautiful, Bold, and Brilliant Brittany

"Je suis un papillion"
"I disprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."
– Francois Marie Voltaire

Inspire others and never stop learning!
Love, Mom, Dad, and Jordan





JACK CAPODICE III



White lies behind us
And lies before us
Are tiny matters
Compared to
What lies within is.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Love,
Dad, Mom,
Sarah, and Michael

JESSIE SWIECH

Whether on a canvas, on a stage
or in a classroom, your creative
energy, hard work and spirit
always have taken center stage.
We're proud of what you have
accomplished and look forward to
the amazing things you will do.
All the world's a stage; now go
play your part.
We love you.
Mom and Dad





Colophon

By: Madeline André

Rewind

The first meeting I ever went to concerning this yearbook was in July of 2008. I met with my fellow editors and advisors at the crack of dawn, wearing my work clothes, because I could only stay for 30 minutes before starting my long workday. We talked about the basics of the yearbook like the theme, the fact that we weren't going to yearbook camp and we didn't have the new Adobe yet, and that in addition to a yearbook, we needed a new Clarionette website. This meeting pretty much sums up the entire year. It was always like that, start to finish. We always had a million things to do, both with the yearbook and the newspaper, I was always coming in late or leaving early due to work or one of my other activities, and we went without our new programs for a good portion of the year. It started rough and is ending rough, but in a way, that is the real beauty of it all. Nothing about this year has been the same as past years, just like this book. It doesn't look the same, it wasn't made the same way, and it doesn't read the same. Everything about this year, and this yearbook, is new, innovative, unique, different; whatever adjective you want to use to describe it, it is what it is, and I wouldn't have it any other way. It's ours, and that is the best part about it.

Play

The theme that my fellow editor, Matt Shrier, came up with is the perfect theme for this year: play. When you think about it conceptually, there is no better way to explain how this year has been for us. We had to press play right off the get-go, pause and rewind if we made a mistake, fast-forward through the boring parts like making the index, and now we can finally stop. So that is what I'm doing in this last tiny bit of writing; the last thing I will ever write for University High School. I'm tying up this yearbook with thanks. Thank you to my fellow editors, Matt Shrier, Chelsea Bakaitis, Ali Mueller, and Katie Zimmerman for helping to make this book all that it is. Thank you to Tess Losada and Bailey Bottorff for finishing the book and tying up all the loose ends. Thank you to our wonderful sponsors, Brian Conant, Amy Reiman, and Stacey Welter for supporting us and letting us get away with some ridiculous stories. Thank you to all of the other Journalism students for filling our newspaper and yearbook with some of the best stories I've read in my four years at U-High. And of course, thank you to every U-High student, parent, and administrator, for giving them things worth writing about. So now that this yearbook is finally over, its up to you to press play and start this whole innovation thing over again with new stories and a new yearbook to create.

Record

Pause

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Stop

Fast-forward

Freshman Baseball



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Front Row: Aj Bruns, Brock Porter, Myles Shane, David Castillo, Jordan Stralow
Second Row: Adam Falasz, Connor Bailey, Chris Ruud, Charlie Volz
Third Row: Bryn Agnew, Keenan Kauth, Brandon Timm, Coach Rusty Hendren, Josh Ashley, Isaiah Brown, Mitch Styczynski

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